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Tribunal issues arrest warrant against Hasina

Bangladesh's International Crimes Tribunal on Thursday issued arrest warrants against former prime minister Sheikh Hasina, who was ousted after massive anti-government protests, and 45 others for alleged crimes against humanity. The tribunal directed the authorities to produce Hasina and the others before it by November 18, local media reported. The warrant could technically open up the possibility of the country's interim government seeking her extradition from India.

APEX COURT UPHOLDS VALIDITY OF SEC 6A OF CITIZENSHIP ACT

4:1 verdict holds provision as valid law

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY
@ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Thursday upheld the constitutional validity of Section 6A of the Citizenship Act, 1955, which grants Indian citizenship to immigrants from Bangladesh who entered Assam before the cut-off date of March 25, 1971.

"Parliament had the legislative competence to enact it," the five-judge Constitution bench, led by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, ruled in a 4:1 majority verdict.

While the CJI and Justices Surya Kant, M M Sundresh, and Manoj Misra upheld the constitutional validity of Section 6A, Justice J B Pardiwala dissented and quashed Section 6A prospectively.

The majority verdict held that Section 6A was enacted to balance the humanitarian concerns with the need to protect the local population. Reading out the verdict, Chandrachud said that enactment of Section 6A was a political solution to a unique problem faced by Assam due to the huge influx of immigrants after creation of Bangladesh.

The immigrants seriously threatened the state's culture and demography, the court noted in its judgment.

In this context, the apex court also stressed the need for strict implementation of the statutory provisions to trace the illegal immigrants in Assam and deport them.

The apex court asked the Centre and the state government to implement directions in the Sarbananda Sonowal judgments to deal with illegal immigrants and made it clear that it would from now onwards monitor the identification and deportation process. "Those who have entered Assam from Bangladesh on or after March 25, 1971 are all illegal immigrants, who must be identified, detected, and deported," the majority judgment said.

The verdict came on a batch of petitions filed by various parties, including Assam Sanmilita Mahasangha, a Guwahati-based civil society organisation, which had moved the apex court challenging Section 6A way back in 2012.

Section 6A of the Citizenship Act was introduced to give effect to the Assam Accord, an agreement signed in 1985 between the Government of India and the leaders of the Assam movement, who wanted removal of foreigners who entered Assam from Bangladesh.

India's Virat Kohli walks back; (Top) Injured Rishabh Pant goes off the field on Thursday | VINOD KUMAR T

HOW THEY FELL

1-9, Rohit; 2-9, Kohli; 3-10, Sarfaraz; 4-31, Jaiswal; 5-33, Rahul; 6-34, Jadeja; 7-34, Ashwin; 8-39, Pant; 9-40, Bumrah; 10-46, Kuldeep

Black capped in B'luru

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Bengaluru

ROHIT Sharma called right at the toss but that was the only thing the hosts got right in a madcap first four hours of play on Thursday. Tactical blunders and questionable calls were the theme of the hosts' first innings when play belatedly got underway in the first Test versus New Zealand.

After the first day was washed out, more rain was forecast for Thursday. It was dark, artificial light was turned on at 9.15 AM and also slightly chilly; some of the fans were wearing sweaters. So, when Sharma called tails, the decision to bat first was open to question.

The Black Caps sensed an early opportunity and eschewed the option of playing the extra spinner. The three pacers accounted for all 10 wickets between themselves as they moved the ball through the air while finding seam movement and bounce off the deck (on X, former Indian team analyst, Himanish Ganjoo, made the point).

While the visitors were spot on, India ended up with lots of tactical blunders. Opting to bat, playing three spinners, promoting Virat Kohli to No. 3, asking Sarfaraz Khan to bat No. 4, refusing to send KL Rahul up the order... the mistakes kept piling up. The hosts were all out for 46 in 31.2 overs, the lowest ever by any side in Asia. This was also India's lowest score in India for 37 years. P11

'DOWRY DEATH'

Man fights lone battle for justice for his daughter

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI
@ Kalaburagi

A man, whose married daughter died under mysterious circumstances here last October 23, has launched a lone battle to bring those responsible for her death to justice.

Chennappa Gowda, 50, of Gudeballur village in Muktal taluk of Narayanpet district in Telangana, who works at the thermal power plant in Shaktinagar of Raichur district, has put banners in many places, including Tipu Chowk on Kalaburagi-Humnabad Ring Road, seeking information on four people allegedly responsible for the death of his daughter Jayalakshmi.

The banners have pictures of Jayalakshmi's husband Shankar Reddy, her mother-in-law Savitramma, sister-in-law (elder sister of Reddy) and Dr Lakshmi (younger sister of Reddy). He has also put such banners in Sedam and Shankarpally village.

"They have killed my daughter. I believed a minister and the relatives of my son-in-law, who then asked me not to file a police complaint and promised that they would give me compensation and hand over my granddaughter to my family. But they did not keep their promise and now Shankar Reddy and his family members are absconding," Chennappa Gowda alleged. P5

EXPRESS READ

10-yr-old boy washed away in Haveri drain

Haveri: A 10-year-old boy was swept away in a drain in front of his house here on Wednesday night. His body was recovered by a rescue team on Thursday afternoon. Two officials from Haveri town municipality have been suspended | P5

SINWAR KILLED IN GAZA

Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar, chief architect of last year's October 7 massacre of Israelis that sparked the war, shot dead by Israeli forces in Gaza | P9

Canada yet to act on Bishnoi gang info

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

INDIA on Thursday trashed Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations before a commission of inquiry probing foreign interference, that the actions of Indian diplomats violated his country's sovereignty.

"What we heard today only confirms what we have been saying consistently all along. Canada has presented us no evidence whatsoever in support of the serious allegations that it has chosen to level against India and Indian diplomats. The responsibility for the damage that this cavalier behaviour has caused to India-Canada relations lies with Prime Minister Trudeau's office," said a statement issued by the Ministry of External Affairs.

While Trudeau accused India of using organised ganglords like Lawrence Bishnoi to harm Canadians, Delhi said it had shared with Ottawa information regarding members of the Bishnoi gang and others holed up there. "They have taken no action so far, which are our core concerns. And, there is a political motive behind it, which you know," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

As for the diplomatic chill, visa services have been impacted and only essential services are being attended to at present, which includes cases like medical emergencies.

During his deposition, Trudeau admitted that when he first broached the matter of Khalistani radical Hardeep Singh Nijjar's murder with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on the sidelines of the G20 Summit, he had no evidence to prove the allegations of an Indian hand, only intelligence inputs.

Meanwhile, the US State Department confirmed that India has removed from its employ an officer accused in the botched murder-for-hire plot to eliminate the proscribed Sikhs for Justice head Gurpatwant Singh Pannun on American soil.

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ALMANAC TODAY
• **Friday:** 18.10.2024 • **Year:** Krodhi • **Ayana:** Dakshinayana
• **Ritu:** Sharad • **Masa:** Ashwayuja • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Prathami 2.48 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Ashwni 3.51 pm • Moon in Vrishabha Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 10:30 am to 12:00 pm
• **Gulikakala:** 07:30 am to 09:00 am • **Yamaganda:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm

WEATHER — MIN 20°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST Thunderstorms. Overcast

Sunrise 06.10 am | Sunset 05.59 pm | Moonrise 06.43 pm | Moonset 06.45 am

PRICE SPIKE

Households cut down on veggies

Survey finds 19% has reduced consumption

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AROUND 19% of households in the city has cut down on consumption of essential and green vegetables due to escalating prices over the past few months, while 60% of residents reported purchasing the same amount of food, but at higher cost, a recent survey has revealed. Currently, 59% of Bengaluru's residents are paying higher prices for vegetables like tomatoes, potatoes and onions.

The survey by community social media platform LocalCircles revealed that rising vegetable prices forced many households to reduce consumption. The spike in vegetable prices is attributed to supply disruptions and damage to crops. Adequate supplies of key items like onions, tomatoes and green leafy vegetables not reaching wholesale markets is resulting in prices that are higher than normal across the city.

The survey asked household consumers to describe their per kg price paid for tomato, onion and potato. Out of 1,528 consumers who responded, 59% stated that they bought tomato for Rs 75 or more, potato for Rs 40 or more, and onion for Rs 50 or more; 34% stated that they bought tomato for Rs 50-75, potato for Rs 30-40 and onion for Rs 40- 50; 4% of respondents bought tomato for Rs 50 or less, potato for Rs 30 or less and onion for Rs 40 or less; and 3% of respondents did not give a clear answer.

As many as 1,466 consumers were asked how they are coping with higher prices of essentials and green vegetables, and 19% stated that they have reduced consumption somewhat to stay within their budget; 60% stated that they have kept consumption the same and paid more, while 21% said they have kept consumption the same, but are buying from sources that sell at lower prices.

Kiran K, a bachelor staying in JP Nagar, said the spike in vegetable prices pinches his pocket, but he cannot avoid using tomato and onion since they are almost a basic requirement for every dish. "We have stopped purchasing vegetables like beans and others which are costly."

Metro extn till Madavara will help bypass Tumakuru Rd traffic

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE 3.14-km Green Line extension, set to launch shortly, is eagerly awaited by people who commute towards the heart of the city. The completion of the line is expected to drastically change the commuting routines of citizens of Nelamangala, Madanayakanahalli, Makali, residents of apartments near the three stations dotting the Nagasandra-Madavara line and those in surrounding villages.

The new stations are Manjunatha Nagar, Chikkabidarakallu and Madavara (new terminal). TNIE visited the stations and surrounding areas on Wednesday. The stations are being spruced up for the inaugural ceremony expected to happen within a week.

The Bangalore International Exhibition Centre (BIEC), which hosts the biggest exhibitions in Asia, will see a surge in footfalls when the line opens, with the Chikkabidarakallu station located right in front.

Chikkabidarakallu station gets ready

Senior Director and Head of Marketing at BIEC Ubaid Ahmed told TNIE, "We will definitely have better patronage when the line opens. The traffic on Tumakuru Main Road puts off many from visiting the expos here. Metro would ensure a smooth visit to our Centre. We have around 15-20 lakh people visiting annually. This could go up by 15% to 20% now."

The line would also boost the state's economy, he added. "Delegates taking part in various events would generally opt to stay a few more days and explore places around. Their hotel stay, sightseeing, travel and so on will make a difference."

KR Arun, proprietor of Sangam Properties in Madanayakanahalli said, "Real estate prices shot up right from when the pillars were being laid for the Metro line in 2020. From Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,000 per sqft, the rate today is Rs 3,500 to Rs 4,500 per sq ft. This is applicable right from Parle Toll Plaza till Madanayakanahalli. The rental value is also expected to shoot up." The area has already been upgraded from panchayat to a city municipal corporation due to the Metro network touching it, he added.

Sandeep, a contractor, who commutes frequently to the PWD office at Anand Rao Circle said, "I have to drive 4 km to Nagasandra to catch a Metro but now I can easily go to Madavara to catch a train. It's not just me but students and vendors heading to KR Market daily will also benefit enormously.

Jagadish LR Gowda, a businessman, who resides in Prestige Jindal City said, "Traffic is synonymous with Tumakuru Road now.

There are 3,600 flats in our residential complex located just behind the Metro station. I take 1.5 hrs to reach Jayanagar now but soon it will just be 30 to 40 minutes. We will be able to save a lot of time."

Volunteers take part in the Kukur Tihar at the BBMP head office on Thursday

After discussions with animal welfare volunteers, veterinarians and experts, we found that one of the major reasons for dog bites and aggression is that they lack food

Suralkar Vikas, BBMP Special Commissioner (Health)

Feeding stations set up for stray dogs in 8 zones

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BRUHAT Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Thursday launched a pilot project — Kukur Tihar (festival of dogs) — to provide food to strays. Under the pilot project, the civic body has identified eight 'feeding spots' in each of its eight zones. If it is successful, the project will be scaled up across the city.

BBMP Special Commissioner (Health) Suralkar Vikas, who inaugurated the project, said, "Stray dogs are often viewed with fear due to the concern that they may bite and attack. This festival is to do away with this fear. There are over 2.7 lakh strays in Bengaluru. After discussions with animal welfare volunteers, veterinarians and experts, we found that one of the major reasons for dog bites and aggression is that they lack food." He said the project is part of the BBMP's One Health initiative under which pourakarmikas, health officials, animal lovers, pet owners and interested citizens will collect leftover food from hotels and restaurants and feed it to stray dogs at designated feeding spots.

Vikas said the primary goal is to provide food to dogs regularly, and they aim to distribute food once a day. He said hoteliers have agreed to provide healthy, non-spicy, oil-free food for the dogs. "The feeding spots will have food, water bowls and a signboard indicating that it is a feeding station. The pilot project will be monitored for a month, and based on feedback, the feeding location, timings and other shortcomings will be addressed before scaling up the project for the entire city."

CHANDRA VIR RAMAN TAKES CHARGE AS GM, RWF

Bengaluru: Chandra Vir Raman, an officer of the Indian Railways Management Service (1986 batch of Indian Railway Services), took charge as General Manager, Rail Wheel Factory, Yelahanka, on Wednesday. He succeeded R Rajagopal, who has been elevated as Director General, Human Resource, Railway Board. Raman has vast administrative experience in the Indian Railways. He has worked at various levels such as general manager, divisional railway manager, etc. Before his new posting, he had held the posts of Officer on Special Duty, Railway Board, and Principal Executive Director, Vigilance & Chief Vigilance Officer, Ministry of Railways. **ENS**

Corporations call for CSR initiatives to boost resources for STEM edu

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LEADING corporations highlighted the need for corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives to intensify capacity building and scale up resources to sustain and improve the quality of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education in schools across India.

CSR representatives from various companies made the suggestions at a roundtable conference organised by Prayoga Institute of Education Research, which is recognised as a science and industrial research organisation by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Union Ministry of Science and Technology.

The conference had stakeholders from Deloitte, Bosch, Merck, Quess Corporation and SEG Automotive among others. All companies emphasised the necessity for improved CSR initiatives to bolster STEM education. The key objective of the conference was to explore capacity-building for teachers, particularly in under-resourced and rural areas where the educational gap is most pronounced. Stakeholders highlighted the importance of engaging students actively and ensuring their social and emotional wellbeing.

They also delved into the challenges within India's education system, focusing on the transition from traditional, theory-heavy teaching methods to interactive, experiential learning approaches.

Dr H S Nagaraja, founder and chief mentor of Prayoga, said, "One critical missing element in our education system is research. Integrating research and inquiry-based learning into classrooms is essential for preparing a future-ready workforce."

Dr M Pundaleeka Kamath, lead of Integrated Community Development Programs at Bosch India Foundation, emphasised the importance of critical and creative thinking skills in 21st-century education, particularly in STEM fields. "Without fostering the ability to question, challenge and innovate, we risk preparing students inadequately for their future," he stated. He further noted that assessments must move beyond rote learning to evaluate these fundamental skills, urging that enhancing teacher capabilities through CSR initiatives is crucial. "By implementing experiential learning and modern teaching methods, we can bridge the gap between mainstream education and the skills students need to develop."

Two-day public lectures, workshops

Bengaluru: Azim Premji University will launch a series of public lectures and workshops at the Science Gallery on Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday, K Subrahmaniam, former professor and centre director at the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education, Mumbai, will conduct 'Paper and Play', a hands-on workshop on mathematics. Gita Chadha from the School of Arts and Sciences at Azim Premji University will discuss the challenges faced by women and members of marginalised communities in pursuing careers in science. On Sunday, Aahana Ganguly and Diya Uma from the School of Arts and Sciences at Azim Premji University will present talks on nanoparticles in the human body, and the fascinating world of insects and their impact on humanity, respectively. People can registering, free of charge, on the Science Gallery's website. **ENS**

EXPRESS READ

Akshaya Patra Foundation inks MoU to address 'hidden hunger'

Bengaluru: The Akshaya Patra Foundation (TAPF) and the Trans Disciplinary University of Health Sciences and Technology (TDU) have entered into a collaboration to address 'hidden hunger' and enhance nutrition among children. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Dr Atul K Gupta, Registrar and CFO of TDU, and Saanil Bhaskaran, Chief Operating Officer of The Akshaya Patra Foundation, on October 5, and was unveiled during the Smart Protein Forum 2024, on Thursday. The partnership will focus on creating cost-effective, protein-rich meals using plant-based proteins like soy and rice, with an emphasis on long shelf life and reduced operational costs. Additionally, it will support policy improvements aimed at integrating nutrient-dense, cost-effective ingredients into public feeding programmes like the PM POSHAN Scheme. Workshops and training sessions will be conducted, , a press release stated. **ENS**

Bangalore Rural MP Dr CN Manjunath being felicitated at a programme in Bengaluru

It's high time non-discriminatory approach is brought to healthcare, says Dr Manjunath

Bengaluru: Emphasising the importance of treating patients with sympathy and compassion, Bangalore Rural MP and former director of Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research Dr C N Manjunath highlighted the need for a non-discriminatory approach to healthcare, valuing both homeopathy and allopathy. Taking part in the inauguration ceremony for first-year MBBS students at The Oxford Medical College, Hospital and Research Centre, Dr Manjunath noted that while India has over 700 medical colleges with 1,10,000 medical seats available each year, there remains a shortage of doctors in rural areas. He said with proper safety and security measures in hospitals, more doctors would be inclined to work in rural regions, calling for government cooperation in this effort. The Oxford Brains Neurological Centre was inaugurated during the event. The Oxford Medical College President Dr SNVL Narasimha Raju, Dean and Director Dr C R Jayanthi, neurologist Dr N K Venkataraman and others were present. **ENS**

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

18th October: Some people think that there's a big mystery in astrology. Let me tell you something - there isn't! The biggest skill astrology requires is an ability to look around, notice what's happening and learn the significant lessons. That's much more important than learning the rules by rote.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Although you are generally regarded as someone who is open, honest and sincere, you will find it difficult to respond to today's events with your usual integrity. If necessary, keep a low profile - and if you spot trouble coming, then get out of the way!

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Nothing is quite as clear-cut or certain as you imagine, and you may be astounded when a person you thought that you knew well shows themselves in an entirely new light. Alter your plans in line with events and you'll defuse a whole set of personal obstacles.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The tide of fortune at work is about to turn. Yet you must now be ever more alert if you are to shape events to your will. Today, you may have to sit back, leaving other people to deal with their problems. After all, there is a limit to what even you can accomplish!

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Carelessness could be a problem, so watch out if you're travelling: you really must confirm all instructions and arrangements before setting out. Also, don't compromise your principles because, if you do, then you might gain short-term advantage at the cost of a long-term loss of respect.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
This is certain to be an action-packed day, the culmination of all the last month's developments. However, the main issue for you still revolves around your financial commit-ments. Perhaps it is now time to call a halt to excess spending, or at least to get someone else to chip in!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Don't get too hot under the collar if partners and colleagues refuse to co-operate or decide not to endorse certain schemes. Your pet projects will survive with or without other people's help. What you need to do is deal with someone who seems determined to get in your way - perhaps by explaining what you're really up to.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
The overall picture as far as professional interests are concerned is now likely to become more acute. In addition, you may begin to be concerned that too much stress and strain is wearing you down physically. The answer is simple - take a little extra rest and relaxation. And soon!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You may be close to finding your heart's desire. Or, at least, you may be closer to establishing what exactly it is that you want and why you are attracted to some people more than others. That's excellent news, for if you understand your motives then you'll be able to streamline your affairs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
In spite of a series of challenging planetary aspects which denote uncertainty at home, you will be able to overcome any adverse consequences through the simple expedient of careful planning. That, though, is an exercise you'll probably need some help with!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Believe it or not there is a silver lining behind today's clouds. Not until the dust has settled will you see just how fortunate you are. Please do not be put off by other people's apparent inability to comprehend your plans or understand your intentions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You have to travel along unknown paths and venture into new emotional terrain before you discover the secret to who you are and where you're going. In the meantime, try and maintain good relation-ships with people who, after all, have always stood by you.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
An emotional 'U turn' lies just around the corner. There is a lot which you can do and say, but you would be advised to hold fire unless you are absolutely one hundred percent sure of your ground. I hope that it's not too late! If it is, then you might be blushing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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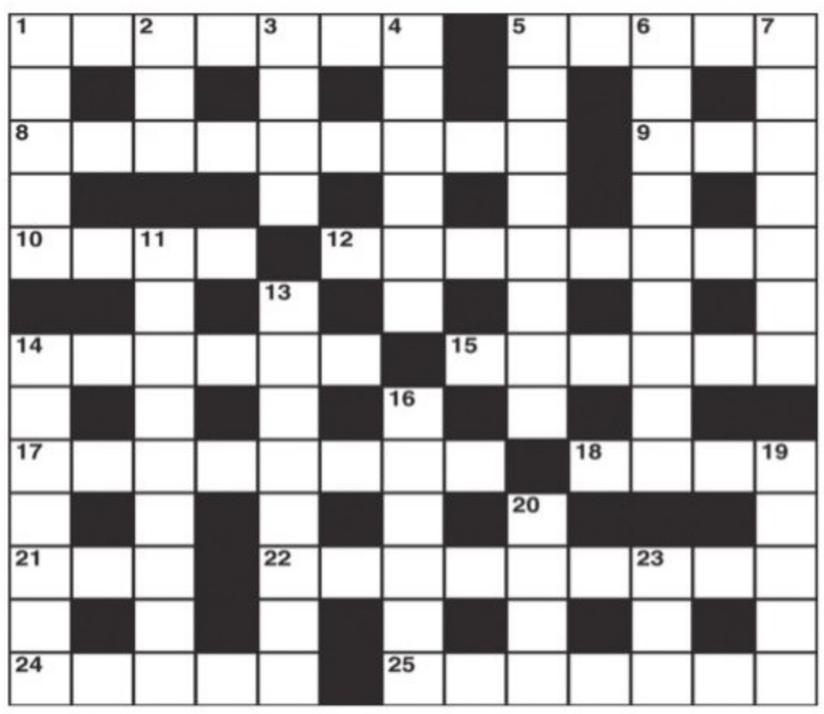

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 A roll containing nothing but chicken (7)
5 The capital gets poor return in this company (5)
8 Slow shambling team means inevitable defeat (9)
9 Note the old-fashioned watch (3)
10 Boss is upset and shows distress (4)
12 Steps in dances (8)
14 Traces wrongly directed supplies (6)
15 Short-service commission? (6)
17 Activity that makes oxen tire (8)
18 So it is held by most husbands (4)
21 Sign of nerves in a critical situation (3)
22 Decorate the bride more exotically (9)
24 He's put in little work yet has expectations (5)
25 Discard caricature (4,3)

DOWN
1 Cares about competitions (5)
2 Scandinavian coin or note (3)
3 Capture and shoot (4)
4 It has the edge in rural gatherings (6)
5 New rate certain for wealth (8)
6 Go too far across a stretch of water (9)
7 Forced into service when one was short of time (7)
11 Floral trophy at the Dairy Show? (9)
13 Squanders food (8)
14 The ache so placed is naturally spotted (7)
16 Doctor in habit of fighting (6)
19 Shoots up with an addition to a letter (5)
20 Cheat on the board (4)
23 An act of duplicity? (3)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Arrogant, 5 Suit, 9 Omega, 10 Meeting, 11 Herd instinct, 13 Postal, 14 Dimple, 17 In the long run, 20 Unhitch, 21 Robot, 22 Eyes, 23 Property.

Down: 1 Anon, 2 Reefers, 3 Grandparents, 4 Naming, 6 Union, 7 Together, 8 Let things rip, 12 Aptitude, 15 Plumber, 16 Kosher, 18 Tahoe, 19 Stay.

JUMBLE UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: FRUIT AMAZE SOCKET INDICT
Answer: After butting heads for hours, the bighorn sheep were dealing with the — RAMIFICATIONS

The Fire Department personnel in Uttara Kannada rescued four wild boars that fell into a deep pond on a farm, and released them safely into the wild on Thusrday

REALTOR'S MURDER

Cops arrest wife, 2 others in B'gavi

Deleted CCTV clips drew daughter's attention

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Police arrest deceased's wife and prime suspect Uma Padmannavar, and (right) Shobhit Gowda

THE high-profile murder case of a realtor and financier Santosh Padmannavar of Belagavi is turning out to be a big conspiracy with each passing day. After Santosh's daughter Sanjana got an FIR registered against her own mother for her father's murder, the police on Thursday arrested Santosh's wife and two more accused, to whom she had given allegedly a contract to kill her husband.

The accused are identified as Uma Santosh Padmannavar (41), wife of the deceased, Shobhit Gowda (31) and Pawan (35). Police arrested them from Bengaluru, and after a medical test, they were taken to the crime scene for evidence and later, sent to 14 days judicial custody.

According to sources, the prime accused, Uma had befriended Shobhit Gowda via Telegram, and shared her problems of harassment meted out by her husband. When Shobhit and Pawan had come to Belagavi to meet her recently, she planned her husband's murder, and promised to give them money if they helped her kill Santosh. On October 9, she called Shobhit and said that she had prepared everything and had fed Santosh sleeping pills. She asked Shobhit and Pawan to come over, and with their help, suffocated Santosh with a pillow.

Wife alleges affairs, abuse

During the police investigation, many secrets behind the murder were revealed. Santosh, who was wealthy, had installed about 17 CCTV cameras inside and outside his house in Mahantesh Nagar for safety. The CCTV footage reveal a different character of the deceased. During interrogation, Uma confessed that Santosh had many extramarital affairs, and would regularly bring different women home.

He would even find one excuse or another to torture Uma for years. Fed up by the harassment, Uma plotted her husband's murder, so that it would look like a cardiac arrest. She went on to complete his last rites as well. However, the truth came to light when her daughter Sanjana, who lived in Bengaluru, wanted to see the CCTV footage, which was later found to be deleted.

Belagavi Police Commissioner Iada Martin Marbnyang said, "We already have three accused in this case. Santosh's wife, the prime accused, in her confession revealed that she murdered her husband to get rid of his harassment. Further investigation is on," he said.

STATE CAN'T OUST COURT'S JURISDICTION: JUDGE

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

A special court has observed that the state government should maintain neutrality and it cannot oust the jurisdiction of the court by monitoring each and every step of investigation, although it is a party to a criminal case.

Judge Santhosh Gajanan Bhat made this observation while granting bail to Rajarajeshwari Nagar BJP MLA Munirathna on October 15 after going through the contents of a notification issued by the government to form a SIT to probe cases against him, including a rape case registered in Kaggalipura police station.

"It is relevant to note that the jurisdiction of the court cannot be ousted and it is the sacrosanct act of the investigating agency to file its final report to the court. However, in the instant case (Munirathna), the notification to constitute the SIT indicates that each and every minute details of investigations are to be shared with the government. The special public prosecutor (SPP) has submitted that the government is monitoring the investigation to ensure its fairness. In my humble opinion, the submission would not be appropriate for the reason that though the state is a party to the criminal case, it is required to maintain neutrality and it cannot monitor each and every step which is being taken up during the course of investigation," the judge said.

The court said the investigation process can be brought to the notice of higher police authorities. However, it does not mean that the government can interfere with the nature and process of investigation. A delicate line should be maintained as enshrined in the Constitution, the court added.

The court noted that it has been fairly admitted by the SPP that the notification issued to constitute the SIT is not happily worded. Be that as it may, even otherwise when the entire factual aspects of the case are carefully appreciated, it would indicate that no prima facie case is made out by the prosecution. Admittedly, Munirathna was remanded in police custody and after completion of the same, he is now in judicial custody. It seems that the sole ground for which he is sought to be detained by the prosecution is that he may threaten and tamper with the witnesses. This apprehension can be taken care of by imposing stringent conditions for granting bail, the court said.

The court said that admittedly, the alleged incident took place in 2021 and now the complainant has filed a complaint. As such, the question of destroying evidence will not be of much relevance since much time has already been spent.

CRIME PATROL

Man, cousin killed as e-scooter rams pole

BENGALURU: A 30-year-old biker and his cousin died on the spot in a road accident in Hebbal traffic police limits early on Thursday. Nagaraj, with Rajesh Kumar (27) riding pillion, were coming from Lottegollahalli towards Hebbal on an electric scooter around 12.30 am, when they crashed into an electric pole at Devi Nagar cross. Police suspect that the crash was due to overspeeding. A case has been registered.

ALL HANDS ON DECK

Traffic policemen and the public get together to fix a damaged divider on the busy BGS flyover in Bengaluru on Thursday morning | VINOD KUMAR T

Man assaults VHP leader in police stn, held

ENS @Mangaluru

A PERSON from Kasargod allegedly assaulted a man inside Ullal police station in Mangaluru over a case of road rage. The accused named Mohammad Aseef (33) from Hosangadi in Kasargod district in Kerala was arrested for assault on a person named Arjun Madur, a local Hindutva leader and obstruction to perform police duty.

The incident occurred on Wednesday night around 9.45 pm at Thokkottu overbridge over a minor road accident between two cars. The drivers of both the cars, Sharath from Kumpala in Ullal and Ibrahim Khaleel from Kerala fought and both parties approached Ullal police. Sharath had alleged that Khaleel and his brother Aseef had assaulted him. Meanwhile, Sharath's friend Arjun and others went to the police station. When Arjun went to the police inspector's office to discuss the issue, Aseef allegedly abused, slapped and assaulted him. Aseef has been arrested and produced before court. Arjun has been admitted to a private hospital in Deralakatte.

Labourer kills wife, her paramour, hangs self

ENS @Bengaluru

A 41-year-old construction labourer bludgeoned his wife and her paramour to death with a wooden pole and then hanged himself, in Konanakunte police station limits. The incident came to light on Thursday morning. Police suspect the incident might have occurred in the wee hours of Thursday, going by the call records of one of the deceased.

The deceased, Kolusugolla, his wife Kolusulakshmi (33) and her paramour Ganesh Kumar (20), hail from Andhra Pradesh and were working at an under-construction building in Someshwara Layout. On Wednesday night, Kolusugolla is said to have gone to bed after dinner. He woke up early in the morning and saw his wife and Kumar in a compromising position, and picked a fight with them. After a heated argument, he killed both of them and then died by suicide, police suspect. Police said all the deceased stayed at the under-construction building. Kumar, also a labourer, became friends with Kolusugolla's son and gradually became close to Kolusulakshmi. Kolusugolla had warned his son to keep away from Kumar. Two days back, the couple's son had gone to his hometown, an officer said.

"The accused had called his wife's sister and told her about the double murder and the reasons for killing them. He also told her that he would also end his life. After disconnecting the call, he hanged himself with a rope around 4am," Lokesh B Jagalasar, DCP (South), told the media.

Police are in the process of recording the statements of Kolusulakshmi's sister. The police have registered a case of murder against Kolusugolla and a case of unnatural death in connection with his death.

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited for the supply of following items.

(1) 79352 - Contract for providing Canteen Services at various locations of the BEST Undertaking.

Re – invited e-tenders

(2) 78103, (3) 79081.

Note: For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in**

PRO/AAM(M)/75/2024 **GENERAL MANAGER**

ANDHRA PRADESH POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED
VIDYUT SOUDHA :: VIJAYAWADA
NIT No. 610001702

APGENCO invites Online tenders for "Laying of screed concrete for base of switchyard area of SRBPH" through APGENCE e-Procurement platform.
Tender Start date & time : 16.10.2024 at 05:30 PM.
Bid Submission closing date & time : 04.11.2024 at 3:00 PM.
For further details visit **https://etender.apgenco.gov.in**
Phone **(0866-2526411, 2526839)**
DIPR No.3235PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt: 17/10/2024

STATE BANK OF INDIA
SSI Peenya Industrial Estate Branch (40284)
No. 120, Near TVS Cross, 100 feet Road, 3rd Phase, Peenya Industrial area, 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560058.
E-mail Id: sbi.40284@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE (Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Account No: 37660668020 / 39378065244 / 40388648837 / 64170030454 / 64170024167

Whereas, the under signed being the Authorised Officer of **State Bank of India,** under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 ("Rules"), issued a Demand Notice dated **05.08.2024** calling upon the **borrowers : M/s. AMS Engineering Industries India Private Limited,** Plot No. 121, 7th Main Road, 3rd Phase, Peenya Industrial Area, 1st Stage, Bengaluru - 560058 Also at : M/s AMS Engineering Industries India Private Limited, No. B-381, 4th Main Road, 6th Cross, Peenya Industrial Estate, 1st Stage, Bengaluru - 560058, **Rep by its Directors & Personal Guarantors: (1) Sri Tahir Shariff M.A,** S/o. Sri Mohammed Aleemullah Shariff, TF-6, Majestic Gardens Phase 2, Bikasipura Main Road, Mango Garden Layout, Konanakunte, Bengaluru - 560078, **(2) Smt. Fathima Talha,** W/o. Sri Tahir Shariff M.A, TF-6, Majestic Gardens Phase 2, Bikasipura Main Road, Mango Garden Layout, Konanakunte, Bengaluru - 560078, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 1,12,13,623/-** (Rupees One Crore Twelve Lakh Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Three only) as on 02.08.2024 and interest from 03.08.2024 and other charges and costs thereon within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantor/mortgagor and public in general, that the under signed has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him /her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **16th day of October of the year 2024.**

The borrower/guarantor/mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **State Bank of India,** for an amount of **Rs. 1,10,64,495/-** (Rupees One Crore Ten Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Five only) as on 15.10.2024 and interest from 16.10.2024 and other charges and costs thereon till the date of realization of dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Hypothecation of Movable Properties

Hypothecation Of Plant & Machinery : 1) CNC Press Brake Machine, Qnty. 1, (2) CNC Fiber Laser Cutting Machine, Qty. 1.

Hypothecation of Stocks [Raw materials, semi finished, finished goods, consumables etc] and Receivables & other current assets. Hypothecation of Plant & Machinery purchased out of Bank Finance.

Date : 16.10.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **State Bank of India,**
SSI Peenya Industrial Estate.

Can Fin Homes Ltd
No.39,Ground Floor, Subramanyapura Main Road, Chikkalasandra, Near Kadirenahalli Petrol Bunk, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore – 500 061
Tel: 080- 26394003, 7625079142
e-mail: uttarahalli@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699
UTTARAHALLI BRANCH

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)]
(For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a Demand notice dated **07/08/2024** calling upon the borrowers **Smt.Kalavathi Sharma & Shri.Deepak Sharma,** Residing at Flat No.406, Third Floor, "SANJANA SAPPHIRE" Kodichikkanahalli Village, Begur Hobli,Bangalore South Taluk,Bangalore -560068. And **V Subramani** (Guarantor) Residing at B-201,27TH Cross,pramuk temple Medows, BSK 2ND Stage, Bangalore-560070 to Repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.29,94,829/-** (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Ninty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Nine Only) with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **16th day of October 2024.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of CFHL for an amount of **Rs.29,94,829/-**(Rupees Twenty Nine Lakhs Ninty Four Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty Nine Only) and interest thereon.

Description of immovable property

All that Piece and Parcel of Flat No.406,Third Floor,"SANJANA SAPPHIRE" Site No.88,89,90,91 & 92, Sy No.40/2 ,CMC Katha No.668/40/2,Situated at Kodichikkanahalli Village,Begur Hobli,Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore measuring Super built up area of 1230 Sq Ft, undivided share of 233 Sq ft and One Covered Car Parking Place in Stilt Floor & the bounded on the East by : Private Property, West by: Road, North by: Road, South by: Private Property

Date: 17.10.2024 Sd/-
Place : Bengaluru **Authorised Officer**
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮೇಲ್ಮನವಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಧಿಕರಣ
1ನೇ ಗೇಟ್, 2ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಬಹುಮಹಡಿ ಕಟ್ಟಡ,
ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560 001.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಕ.ಮೇ.ನ್ಯಾ/ಟೆಬ್ಬಂದಿ/ಟೆ.1/ಟೆ.ಆರ್-03/2024 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.10.2024

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮೇಲ್ಮನವಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಧಿಕರಣ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಕಛೇರಿಗೆ **ಡಾಟಾ ಎಂಟ್ರಿ ಆಪರೇಟರ್‌ಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ವಾಹನ ಚಾಲಕರ** ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸಲು ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಗಳಿಂದ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿವೆ.

ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮಾಹಿತಿ: 1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **23.10.2024 ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 3.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.** 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಂಶಗಳ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **25.10.2024 ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 3.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.** 3) ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **05.11.2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.** 4) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಅನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **07.11.2024 ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 3.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.** 5) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಅನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **12.11.2024 ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 3.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ.** 6) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ: ನಿಬಂಧಕರು, ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮೇಲ್ಮನವಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಧಿಕರಣ, ಕೊಠಡಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ.205, ಬಹುಮಹಡಿಗಳ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, 1ನೇ ಗೇಟ್, 2ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560 001.

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಲಭ್ಯವಿದ್ದು, https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮೇಲ್ಮನವಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಧಿಕರಣ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/-
ನಿಬಂಧಕರು,
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮೇಲ್ಮನವಿ ನ್ಯಾಯಾಧಿಕರಣ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ/ವಾ.ಪ್ರ/2526/ಎಂಐಎ/2024-25

KERALA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.
(Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of Kerala)
THYCAUD P.O., THIRUVANANTHAPURAM - 695014
Tele: 0471-2945646, 2945600
website: www.kmscl.kerala.gov.in, e-mail: eptenders.kmscl@kerala.gov.in
CIN No. U24233KL2007SGC021616

No. KMSCL/EP/18239/2024 Dated : 16.10.2024

e-TENDER NOTICE (Running Contract)

Online bids are invited for the supply and installation of the following equipment for various Government healthcare institutions across Kerala

Sl. No	Tender No.	Description	Online Pre-Bid Meeting	Last date of Online submission
1.	T553/2024	Autopsy Table Various Types, Instrument set for Autopsy.	N.A.	26.10.2024 5.00 p.m.
		Mobile Storage System, Digital Weighing Scale with Height Measurement, Nebuliser, Digital Weighing Machine (Adult), Heavy Duty Vacuum Cleaner, Head Light for ENT OT, Head Light for ENT OP	N.A.	02.11.2024 5.00 p.m.

Tender documents and all other information related to tender and bidding process can be downloaded from the website www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.

Sd/- Managing Director (Tender Inviting Authority)

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No. SEE/Tr(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)/AEE-1/T-64/24-25/4453-59 Date: 16.10.2024

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites Tenders for carrying out shift duties and operations works at various locations in Transmission (W&M) Circle, Munirabad for the following sub-stations.

Bid Enquiry No. SEE/Tr.(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)/AEE-2/24-25/Shift Duties/ 52 to 67 & 69 to 76. Dated: 15.10.2024.

1. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1368,** 220kV R/S Sulekal (Gangavathi).
2. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1428,** 110kV S/S Jawaharnagar.
3. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1361,** 110kV S/S Shaktinagar.
4. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1359,** 110kV S/S Googal.
5. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1364,** 110kV S/S Yapaladinni.
6. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1362,** 110kV S/S Yeragera.
7. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1365,** 110kV S/S KIADB Housing Board Raichur.
8. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1355,** 110kV S/S Vadavatti.
9. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1360,** 110kV S/S Maliyabad.
10. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1369,** 220kV R/S Mallat.
11. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1429,** 110kV S/S Adavi Amareshwara.
12. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1356,** 110kV S/S Sirwara.
13. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1358,** 110kV S/S Alkod.
14. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1357,** 110kV S/S Byagwat.
15. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1363,** 110kV S/S Galag.
16. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1430,** 220kV R/S Yelburga.
17. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1366,** 110kV S/S Kukanuru.
18. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1350,** 1110kV S/S Gandhinagar.
19. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1351,** 110kV S/S Bayyapura.
20. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1367,** 110kV S/S Jawalagera.
21. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1354,** 110kV S/S Valaballari.
22. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1352,** 110kV S/S Vajrabandi.
23. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1353,** 110kV S/S Tavaragera.
24. **Tender No: KPTCL/2024-25/SE1372,** 66kV S/S Arasikere.

Tenders will be received through KPP Portal mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "E Procurement KPTCL" or directly logging on to website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **22.10.2024 at 11:00Hrs**. Details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.), Tr.(W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad - 583 233. Ph: 08539-270094.

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

POSSESSION NOTICE (Immovable Property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **City Union Bank Ltd.,** having its **Administrative Office** at **No.24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612001** and one of the Branch Offices at **Site No.61, 3rd Cross, Ashwath Nagar, Kalamandir Service Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560037, Bengaluru-Marathahalli Branch** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(2) & (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice Dated **07-08-2024** calling upon the borrowers **No.1) Mr. N.V. Vishwanath, S/o. Venkatramanappa, No.92, Whitefield Main, Near Nagondanahalli Bus Stop, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560066. No.2) Mrs. Savitha, W/o. N.V. Vishwanath, No.92, Whitefield Main, Near Nagondanahalli Bus Stop, Whitefield, Bangalore - 560066** to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice being **Rs.28,69,028/- (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand and Twenty Eight only)** within **60 days** from the date of the said Notice with subsequent interest thereon from **03-08-2024** with monthly rests.

The borrowers above named having failed to repay the amount despite the receipt of the above referred statutory notice, NOTICE is hereby given to the borrowers above named and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the Properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this 14th day of October 2024.

The borrowers above named in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of City Union Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.29,44,379/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lakh Forty Four Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Nine only)** and interest thereon from **14-10-2024** till the repayment of entire dues.

The borrowers' attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Immovable Property Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A
Property - 1 : (Property Owned by Mr. N.V. Vishwanath, S/o. Venkatramanappa)

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1	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-84/ एमआई/ सीपीएच-40/2024-25	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-84/MI/CPH-40/2024-25		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के एसआईईटी सुविधा में समुच्चयन बिंदु सह वाहन पार्किंग क्षेत्र का विकास। Development of assembly point Cum vehicle parking area at SIET facility at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	5.33	02 (दो महीने / Two months)	10,700
2	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-91/ एमआई/ सीपीएच-45/2024-25	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-91/MI/CPH-45/2024-25		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के अनिवार्य कर्मचारी क्वार्टर में चेन लिंक फेंसिंग प्रदान करना। Providing Chain link fencing for Essential Staff Quarters at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	6.34	03 (तीन महीने / Three months)	12,700
3	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-110/ एमआई/ सीपीएच-58/2024-25	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-110/MI/CPH-58/2024-25		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के उड्डान विकास इंजन एकीकरण सुविधा में संपीडक के अधिष्ठापन हेतु भवन का विस्तार। Extension of building for installation of compressor at Flight Vikas Engine Integration facility, IPRC, Mahendragiri.	6.61	05 (पाँच महीने / Five months)	13,300
4	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-116/ एमआई/ सीपीएच-62/2024-25	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-116/MI/CPH-62/2024-25		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के टीएस, भवन के पास कम्प्यूटर परिधीय समुच्चयन कक्ष का निर्माण। Construction of Computer peripheral assembly room near TS building at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	21.74	05 (पाँच महीने / Five months)	43,500
5	एनआईटी सं:आईपीआरसी/ सीएमजी/ टीडी/ ई-118/ एमआई/ सीपीएच-63/2024-25	NIT no:IPRC/CMG/TD/e-118/MI/CPH-63/2024-25		
	आईपीआरसी, महेंद्रगिरि के यूएसईटीआई-एचएटी के लिए केबिल भंडारण यार्ड का निर्माण। Construction of Cable storage yard for USETI - HAT at IPRC, Mahendragiri.	23.26	04 (चार महीने / Four months)	46,600

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Dakshina Kannada MP Capt Brijesh Chowta slammed Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for accepting a shawl from former minister B Nagendra, soon after his release on bail in the Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation scam, and said it was an insult to ST community

CASTE CENSUS REPORT NOT YET, CM PUSHES RELEASE TO OCT 25

'Sensitive' issues, poll code may delay release

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

BY postponing Friday's cabinet meeting to October 25, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah appears to have given himself some breathing space to hold deliberations on sensitive issues, including tabling of the socio-economic and educational survey report, also known as caste census.

According to sources, the release of the caste census would be put on hold until the communities which are against it, especially Veerashaiva Lingayats and Vokkaligas, are assuaged. On the other hand, Siddaramaiah can pacify the Ahinda communities, which are demanding release of the report, as he commands their respect, and they want him to continue as chief minister, observe analysts. "So the caste census report is unlikely to feature even at the October 25 cabinet meeting," a source informed *TNIE*.

This apart, Siddaramaiah has many other issues to address, including classification of SC quota and 2A tag for the Panchamasali Lingayats. Besides, with bypolls scheduled for Channapatna, Sandur and Shiggaon assembly constituencies on November 13, Siddaramaiah is likely to put the caste census report on hold.

The SC Left community had already staged statewide protests, demanding implementation of classification of SC quota, following the Supreme Court verdict on August 1. On Friday, a Panchamasali Lingayat community delegation headed by Sri Jaya Mrutyunjaya Swamiji, is scheduled to meet Siddaramaiah to discuss their long-time demand for a 2A tag.

Siddaramaiah had a plan to hold a meeting of eight of his cabinet colleagues from the Veerashaiva Lingayat community, including HK Patil, MB Patil, Eshwar Khandre, Sharanabasappa Darshanapur, Shivananda Patil, SS Mallikarjun, Sharan Prakash Patil and Lakshmi Hebbalkar, and Vokkaligas, including Ramalinga Reddy, N Chaluvarayaswamy, DCM DK Shivakumar and Dr MC Sudhakar, to discuss the repercussions of the release of the caste census. But he has changed his plan to buy some time, with All India Veerashaiva Mahasabha president Shamanur Shivashankarappa calling a meeting of Mahasabha members.

All India Veerashaiva Mahasabha president Shamanur Shivashankarappa invites former CM BS Yediyurappa for a community meeting, on Thursday

Objections raised

Following recent discussions in the cabinet regarding the report, the dominant Lingayat community has expressed dissatisfaction, terming the report "unscientific". Led by Shamanur Shivashankarappa, key members of the community have announced a meeting on October 22 to examine the legal and social implications of implementing the report's recommendations.

Renuka Prasanna, secretary of the Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha, stated that the community could face significant disadvantages if the findings of the report are implemented. "The community stands to lose if this report is put into effect," Prasanna said, indicating concern among community leaders.

'ALARMING RISE IN CRIME IN BJP-RULED STATES'

BENGALURU: In a scathing indictment of the BJP-led government, All India Mahila Congress president Alka Lamba on Thursday alleged that there is an alarming rise in crime in states ruled by the saffron party. "Crime is growing relentlessly, and criminalisation is becoming increasingly entrenched in all BJP-ruled states," she stated. "In the states of Gujarat, Maharashtra and UP, criminals have their morale boosted with free rein to commit crimes with impunity, right under the nose of the administration and their masters," she said, adding that the governments' action against them is just eyewash. **ENS**

New Karnataka Mahila Congress president Sowmya Reddy takes charge, as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, and All India Mahila Congress president Alka Lamba look on, at the KPCC office in Bengaluru on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Mahila Cong to lay siege to Parl for quota

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

ALL India Mahila Congress president Alka Lamba, taking a dig at the Narendra Modi-led NDA government, said here on Thursday that as the Centre has not taken the initiative to assign 33 per cent seats to women in assemblies and Lok Sabha, members of the Mahila Congress will lay siege to Parliament during the upcoming session.

Briefing the press on the sidelines of former MLA Sowmya Reddy being sworn in as Karnataka Mahila Congress president, Lamba said since the government has failed to implement the Women's Reservation Act 2023, Congresswomen will picket Parliament.

She said the women's wing is committed to groom women leaders across the country as it is the wish of LoP in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, that an ordinary woman member should rise to the post of LS member. She claimed that since she took charge as All India Mahila Congress national president nine months ago, she has travelled across 18 states and Union Territories, and starting from Mahila Congress foundation day in September, 2.5 lakh women have enrolled online. She hopes to enrol 10 lakh members by the end of 2024.

Telangana stood first with the enrolment of 50,000 women, and Karnataka second with 30,000 women, and a huge rally would be organised in Karnataka soon, Lamba said. Unveiling the blueprint of programmes for the state's Mahila Congress members, Lamba said a three-day leadership training programme would be organised. She claimed to have spoken with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on a project to empower women financially. There is a plan to set up sanitary pad manufacturing units with government help, and CSR funds from companies, she said. Sanitary pad vending machines would be provided to help needy women, she added.

Lamba claimed that the governments of Karnataka and Telangana have been walking the talk by implementing guarantees for the needy, especially women. Touching on former Hassan MP Prajwal Revanna's alleged sleaze tapes, Lamba said the Congress had made it a Lok Sabha poll plankm and will continue its fight until the victims get justice. Sowmya Reddy, daughter of Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, said she felt proud to take charge as chief of Karnataka Mahila Congress.

'With women's empowerment, Congress will win in 2028 too'

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Thursday asserted that the Congress will return to power in 2028 to continue its programmes of women empowerment. They, accordingly, advised newly appointed Karnataka Mahila Congress president Sowmya Reddy and other women congress leaders to work in this direction, at a function where she was sworn-in, at the Bharat Jodo Bhavan in the KPCC office.

"In 2028 too, we will come to power and continue the programmes to give economic independence to women, who should come forward for the defence of secularism and social justice. Sowmya has the ability to continue in this direction by mobilising the workers and organising the party by giving clarity on the values of secularism, democracy, social justice and the Constitution," Siddaramaiah stated.

Grassroot push

"The Congress government has come up with many programmes to empower women. Promote the party's agenda and plans in every corner of the state, then our party will come to power in 2028 as well," suggested Shivakumar, adding that the party should be strengthened at the grassroot level.

'MUDA chairman's resignation his own decision'

KOLAR: Referring to the resignation of Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) chairman **K Marigowda**, in the wake of the MUDA site scam, a day ago, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh on Thursday claimed that there was no pressure on the former to resign. Suresh added that Marigowda resigned on his own volition since he is unwell. Speaking to the media, he said the allegations of the Opposition are baseless, adding, "They (the Opposition) just want to make an issue out of the MUDA matter, and are accordingly giving statements." "Where is the question of political pressure forcing Marigowda to resign?" Suresh asked. Speaking on the by-elections, Suresh said the selection of candidates will be decided by the party high command. On the eventuality of BJP not giving the ticket to MLC CP Yogeshwara for the Channapatna bypoll, and if Congress would then accommodate him, Suresh said all such decisions on candidates and tickets are left to the party high command. **ENS**

Stop petty politics, let's talk development, HDK tells state govt

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Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries HD Kumaraswamy on Thursday said politics should not overshadow development and that the state government must stop engaging in petty politics.

Speaking to the media here, Kumaraswamy said that so far, no one from the Karnataka Government, except for Industries Minister MB Patil, has come to discuss the state's development with him.

They should stop petty politics, he said, adding that many industries and companies, including Toyota, are relocating to other states. The former chief minister stated that they receive cooperation in the neighbouring states, but not in Karnataka.

He accused the Congress government of spreading falsehoods regarding the Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL) and Hindustan Machine Tools (HMT). The state government should not politicise the KIOCL issue and if there are problems, they must sit down and resolve them, he said. "I am working to preserve public sector enterprises in the state. I will write to the chief minister and forest minister to convene a meeting, where I will present my documents. If KIOCL is at fault, as the minister, I will take responsibility. Beyond that, it is inappropriate to politicise the state's interests," he said, adding that due to the state government's mistakes, 300-400 KIOCL workers are on the streets.

Kumaraswamy also urged Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre to stop indulging in trivial politics.

Civic woes

Kumaraswamy said people in Bengaluru are suffering due to floods caused by heavy rain, but neither the CM nor the ministers visited flood-affected areas.

He said Deputy CM DK Shivakumar is now planning a new township. "Is it to help realtors?" he questioned. On the NICE project, the Union minister said the DCM had stated that the road was not widened due to the interference of former PM Deve Gowda. "Who told him not to do it? Why has he been silent all this time? Who is responsible for denotifying farmers' land acquired for the project? What happened to the report given by the House Committee headed by TB Jayachandra?" he questioned.

The House Committee had recommended that the entire project be brought under government control and Jayachandra had also recommended a CBI investigation, he said.

On the Mekedatu project, Kumaraswamy said it would benefit Tamil Nadu. The Congress must convince its ally DMK that is in power in Tamil Nadu, and then approach the Centre, he added.

Kumaraswamy accused the Congress government in the state of discriminating against JDS MPs. All other MPs have received new cars, except for his party's MPs, he alleged.

On the bypoll, he said, "The decision on candidates will be taken by leaders of the BJP and JDS. The NDA candidate must win." He was responding to a question whether BJP MLC CP Yogeshwara would be the alliance candidate for the Channapatna seat.

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HD Kumaraswamy, Union minister

ST HOSTELS WILL BE NAMED AFTER VALMIKI: SIDDARAMAIAH

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@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Thursday said that government hostels for the Scheduled Tribes (ST) in the state will be named after Maharishi Valmiki. He announced that Raichur University will also be named after the saint. He was speaking at a function here to mark Valmiki Jayanthi.

Honouring five achievers with "Valmiki Award", Siddaramaiah said the Kuruba and Besta communities made significant contributions to Kannada literature.

Renowned playwright Kalidasa of 'Shakuntala' fame hailed from the Kuruba community. Vyasa, who wrote the Mahabharatha, belonged to the Besta community. Maharshi Valmiki, who wrote the Ramayana, was from a similar background. However, these communities were barred from learning Sanskrit and denied education in the past, Siddaramaiah said.

Despite this, many individuals from these communities learnt Sanskrit and created masterpieces such as the Ramayana, which is a source of inspiration for everyone.

"With access to education, they excelled. Valmiki promoted equality and equal opportunities for all," the CM said.

Siddaramaiah criticised the BJP stating that despite being in power at the Centre and in several states, it has not implemented the Scheduled Castes Sub-Plan and Tribal Sub-Plan. "Our Congress government was the first to make budgetary allocations for these schemes. I initiated the concept of hostels for marginalised communities. I will ensure that every hobli has one such hostel," the CM said.

He urged the marginalised communities to unite and fight for their rights and justice.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at the 'Valmiki Award' ceremony at Vidhana Soudha on Thursday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Govt flouted MCC norms through advertisement: BJP

BENGALURU: BJP leaders on Thursday slammed the state government for placing an advertisement in the media on Valmiki Jayanti, which is a violation of the Model Code of Conduct. Leader of Opposition in the Assembly R Ashoka said the bypolls for three Assembly constituencies - Channapatna, Sandur and Shiggaon - have been announced, and with the MCC in place, the government has violated it with its move. "The Election Commission of India has written a letter to the Chief Electoral Officer and Chief Secretary on the MCC, which is applicable with immediate effect," he said. Further, Ashoka said the state government has placed an advertisement on its achievements. They have used photos of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar in their advertisement, which is a violation. "We will complain about this to the Election Commission," he warned. **ENS**

Ballari Rural MLA B Nagendra waves to supporters in Ballari city on Thursday

Nagendra gets grand welcome in home turf

ENS @ Ballari

BALLARI Rural MLA B Nagendra, who was granted bail in the ST Corporation scam case, was accorded a grand welcome by his followers and Congress workers when he entered Ballari city on the occasion of Valmiki Jayanti on Thursday. However, former minister and MLA Gali Janardhana Reddy warned Nagendra against making baseless allegations against the BJP.

Speaking to the media, Nagendra alleged that from the last 10 years, the BJP has been misusing central agencies such as the ED and CBI to bring down majority governments of those states, especially wherever the Congress is in power. "I have shared how the ED pressurised me to give out the names of CM Siddaramaiah and DCM DK Shivakumar in ST Welfare Board case... BJP's politics took me to jail," he claimed.

"Recently, BJP MLA Janardhana Reddy got permission to stay in Ballari. He has stated that this time, the Sandur constituency will be won by the BJP... However, the Congress is the favourite to win in all three bypolls," he claimed.

Meanwhile, Reddy said that Nagendra was arrested by the ED, and now he is simply criticising the BJP through lies. "I don't react to such heroics. This time BJP will definitely win the Sandur bypoll," he added.

State govt in dilemma over dates for Belagavi winter session

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE state government is in a dilemma to fix dates for the Winter Legislative Session, which will be held at the Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi. The issue being that the session would clash with the Kannada Sahitya Sammelana that will be held for three days in Mandya, starting December 20, and the centenary celebrations of the Belgaum Congress Session that will be held in the last week of December.

The Sahitya Sammelana, which was scheduled to be held in February 2024, and was postponed a couple of times due to drought and other reasons, has now got a new schedule on December 20-23, this year. Meanwhile, the state government is also planning to organise a big convention in Belagavi on December 26 and 27 to mark the centenary of the Belgaum Congress Session that was attended by Mahatma Gandhi in 1924.

Government sources said they are confused about finalising the dates. While there is pressure from pro-Kannada organisations to hold the Sahitya Sammelana on the scheduled dates, the centenary celebrations of the Belgaum Congress Session also comes in the middle of the week, making it difficult to hold the winter session in the third and fourth week of December. "There is discussion on the session dates to be held in the first two weeks of December," sources said.

The monsoon session was held in July, and many bills are to be passed. The Council and Assembly staff have already started their work. "We will decide about holding the session at the earliest. We are awaiting approval from the CM and DCM. Once it is done, it will be placed before the cabinet for approval," a senior official said. With the bypolls to Sandur, Channapatna and Shiggaon Assembly constituencies planned for November, and the results out by November 23, the new members will take oath and attend the session.

S Arun Kumar Namboothiri has been selected as the new melsanthi (head priest) of Sabarimala Ayyappa Temple. His name has been in the run for six years and will be the 16th melsanthi of the temple. He will officially assume his duties on November 16

Paddy crop withers due to rain in B'gavi

Belagavi : A pall of gloom has descended on the farming community growing paddy across Belagavi, as the crop, which was ready for harvest in another 15 days, are withering. Varieties of paddy crops, including Basmati, Dodagya, Chitaka and Ghansali, which grow tall, are under water, owing to the heavy rain. Farmers are staring at losses due to the damaged crops and the situation is expected to worsen if the rain continues. Vast stretch of paddy fields are now inundated. According to farmers, they were not expecting heavy rain after September, as the region usually receives light showers during this time, and it is usually the flowering season for the paddy crops.

Woman dies in wall collapse in D'gere

Chitradurga/Davanagere: A wall collapse due to incessant rain in Chitradurga district resulted in the death of an elderly woman at Echalanagenahalli village on Thursday. The deceased has been identified as Rangamma (63). The entire family of Rangamma used to stay in the home that collapsed due to the rain. All the family members escaped from the house, however, Rangamma couldn't make it. MLA K C Veerendra visited the village and consoled the family members. He also informed the tahsildar to hand over ₹5 lakh compensation immediately to the family of the deceased. As many as 59 houses were damaged due to heavy rain. In Davanagere, minor bridges were submerged and tanks overflowed.

Nivedan(Inset); Rescue workers at the drain in Haveri on Thursday | EXPRESS

BOY WASHED AWAY IN HAVERI DRAIN, 2 OFFICIALS SUSPENDED

Stone slabs of drain removed to clean it

AMIT S UPADHYE @ Haveri

A 10-year-old boy was swept away in a drain in front of his house here on Wednesday night. His body was recovered by a rescue team on Thursday afternoon. Two officials from Haveri town municipality have been suspended in this regard. Police said Nivedan Gudageri was a Class V student of Lion's Public School in Haveri.

Haveri city received heavy rain in the last two days and several areas and roads were flooded. A few days ago, civic workers removed the stone slabs of the drain in front of the boy's house to clean it. However, they did not put the slabs back after cleaning the drain.

As water was overflowing, Nivedan fell into the drain unaware of the removal of slabs. According to the boy's family members, Nivedan was playing with his friends near his house. When it started raining, Nivedan's grandmother called him to rush home. When he was returning home, he fell into the drain and was swept away. The rescue team found Nivedan's body in a manhole.

Two days ago, Nivedan's family celebrated his sister's birthday. Haveri district incharge minister Shivanand Patil mourned the boy's death and promised compensation from the government.

Meanwhile, Haveri MP and former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai said many houses collapsed in the district due to incessant rain and compensation should be given at the earliest to the affected families.

"Relief centres should be set up for the affected people. Several roads in rural areas have been washed away. I have spoken to the deputy commissioner over the phone on the flood situation," he said.

TDP OFFICE ATTACK

Sajjala appears for questioning, slams TDP govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Guntur

YSRC senior leader **Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy** appeared for investigation at Mangalagiri Rural police station on Thursday in connection with the attack on the Telugu Desam Party central office. An advisor to the previous YSRC government, Sajjala has been listed as accused number 120 in the case. He was accompanied by his lawyer and former additional advocate general Ponnavolu Sudhakar Reddy, and former minister Meruga Nagarjuna. Police refused the lawyer's request to be present during Sajjala's questioning, stating that he had to get the court's permission for the same.

Speaking to reporters after the questioning, Sajjala slammed the TDP-led NDA government for foisting false cases against YSRC leaders.

Alleging political vendetta, he accused the government of silencing the opposition and trying to distract the public from the growing popularity of YSRC and its leader YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. Asserting that he was not in Mangalagiri on the day of the attack, the YSRC leader maintained that he was in Badvel, campaigning for the by-election. Stressing that YSRC leaders are determined to fight back against the illegal cases, he demanded the government to stop harassing them or face consequences. Further, he claimed that a Look Out Circular (LOC) was lodged against him to harass him.

Chorus for Malnadu state returns after 28 years

Shivamogga: After a gap of 28 years, the demand for a separate Malanadu state has cropped up again in the region. Reason: Landless people in the district are still continuing with their six-decade-old fight for land to set up a permanent place of shelter for their families. 'Thanking' politicians and political parties for keeping the issue alive, the Malenadu Horata Samiti on Wednesday reiterated the stand of Ramon Magsaysay awardee late K V Subbanna, who raised the issue of separate Malnad state in 1996 when the mining in and around Ambaragudda village of Sagar taluk commenced.

'Minister told me not to file complaint'

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JAYALAKSHMI married Shankar Reddy, son of Siddareddy and Savitramma of Shankarpally village in Sedam taluk, five years ago. Shankar Reddy and Jayalakshmi have a two-year-old daughter.

Chennappa Gowda said his daughter fell ill last year and was admitted to a local hospital by her in-laws. However, she died on October 23. Suspecting that Jayalakshmi's husband and in-laws might have killed her for more dowry, he went to Shaktinagar police station in Raichur district to file a complaint. At that time, the minister called him over the phone and asked him not to file any complaint and promised that

Chennappa Gowda with his grandaughter

he (minister) would get him compensation from the Reddy family. The minister also promised him that Jayalakshmi's daughter would be handed over to him soon. "Believing this, I did not file any complaint against my son-in-law and his family," Chennappa Gowda added. Accordingly, Jayalakshmi's in-laws signed an agreement stating that they would return 30 grams of gold and Rs 10 lakh taken as dowry at the time of her marriage. Apart from agreeing to hand over Jayalakshmi's daughter, they also promised to give 10 acres of land for his granddaughter's maintenance. The land was to be registered in his granddaughter's name, he said. "When I contacted some legal experts, they told me that filing a police complaint now suspecting foul play in my daughter's death would be of little help as she died a year ago. They also told me that I may not get the dowry money and ornaments as the agreement was not a registered document. With no help forthcoming, I have launched a struggle seeking justice to my daughter," he said.

Bypoll: Sarin exit will not affect Cong

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Malappuram

THE Indian Union Muslim League (IUML) has declared its support for Congress candidate Rahul Mamkootathil in the Palakkad by-election on Monday, amid controversies sparked by the exit of P Sarin, former KPCC Digital Media convenor, from the Congress party. IUML national general secretary P K Kunhalikutty said that the exit of Sarin would not affect the party's prospects in the upcoming by-election. "The UDF parties will collaborate within the constituency to secure the victory of Rahul Mamkootathil. Graver issues than Sarin's dissent emerged during the last parliamentary election, yet the UDF secured great victories. Rahul Mamkootathil continues to lead the race in the Palakkad constituency even after the controversies erupted," Kunhalikutty said.

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE
Original Application No.1720/2023
Canara Bank, Girinagar Branch, ...Applicant
And
Sri G. K. Ramachandra, Proprietor of M/s. Nature Home Care Products ...Defendant

SUMMONS /NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, Defendants

1. Sri G. K. Ramachandra S/o. Late Krishnappa, Proprietor of M/s. Nature Home Care Products aged about 51 years, at: No. 43, 1st Main Valagerhalli, Kengeri, Near Chitrakoota School, Bangalore - 560 056.

Also R/at : No. 06, 1st Main, 19th Cross, MTS Layout, KS Town, Opp Bethesda High, Bangalore - 560 050.

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of Rs.2,32,33,957/- (Rupees Two Crore Thirty Two Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Seven Only) mentioned therein together with current and future interest and other reliefs. The above defendant is therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorised agents in support of their defense within 30 days from the date of publication or on 20.11.2024 at 10.30 am as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the 30.09.2024.

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my clients SRI. D.M. KUMARA S/o. Late Chikka Muniyappa, and SMT. GAYATHRI.A W/o. D.M. Kumara, Both are residing at Old 22nd Ward, New 21 Ward, DVM Colony, Maheswaramma Temple Main Street, Inside Khuddus Layout, Devanahalli Town, Devanahalli are intending to purchase the vacant house property site No. 60, bearing Municipal Property PID. No. 37-548-730 measuring East to West: 15.240030 mtr (50 feets), North to South : 11.125222 mtr (36 feets 5 inches), Totally measuring 169.5487 square mtr (1825 sq.feets), situated at 23rd Ward, 1st Division, Akkupete, Prasannahalli Road, Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural District, carved out of converted Sy. No. 72/5 of Akkupete coming under the purview of the Town Municipality, Devanahalli which is more fully described in the schedule hereunder from its owner 86 khata holder SRI. Y. SUDHEER KUMAR, S/o. Y. Rajanna , Aged about 45 years, R/at. No. 2990/G, 12th "A" main, National Public School, HAL 2nd Stage, HAL - IInd Stage, Bengaluru - 560008. Accordingly, they have entered with registered Agreement of sale. The owner represents that he is the lawful owner in possession, occupation, cultivation and enjoyment of the schedule property. Any person/s claiming any interest in the schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, gift lease, inheritance, exchange, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, possession, easement, attachment or otherwise howsoever are here by required to make the same know to the undersigned within 10 days from the date hereof, failing which the sale transaction will be completed, without any reference to such claim and shall be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant house property site No. 60, bearing Municipal Property PID. No. 37-548-730 measuring East to West: 15.240030 mtr, North to South : 11.125222 mtr, Totally measuring 169.5487 square mtr, situated at 23rd Ward, 1st Division, Akkupete, Prasannahalli Road, Devanahalli Town, Bangalore Rural District, carved out of converted Sy. No. 72/5 of Akkupete coming under the purview of the Town Municipality, Devanahalli, Bangalore Rural District, Bounded on:

East by : Site No.61,	West by : Road,
North by : Road,	South by : Site No. 59.

Address for Service: 'Namma Office' Poodur Vijaraju, Advocate
No. 210, SHREE NILAYA Prashanth Nagar, Near Church, Devanahalli Town. Bangalore Rural District - 562110. Mobile No.9448570445.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby notified that my client proposes to purchase the schedule property from its owners M/s. BILLIONBRICKS ESTATES LLP, represented by its Authorised Signatory, having its registered Office at No.808, Prestige Meridian 2, M.G.Road, Bengaluru-560001.

Any person or persons having any claim or interest in or to the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner is/are required to forward their claim to the undersigned along with all the relevant documents in support of their claim, within ten [10] days from the date of publication of this notice. In the absence of any claims within the above said period, it shall be deemed that there are no claims and my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction thereafter in respect of the schedule property without any further reference in this regard.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being a Residential Property bearing BBMP Municipal No.450, having PID No.74-8-450, situated at 9th Main Road, 1st Cross, H.A.L 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560 075, New BBMP Ward No.58 Hosa Thippasandra, measuring East to West: 60 feet and North to South: 40 feet, totally measuring 2400 square feet OR 222.96 Square Meters, together with RCC roofed building consisting of Ground & First Floor measuring about 2200 square feet or 204.38 square meters together with all civic amenities and bounded as hereunder : East by: Site.No.447, West by : Road, North by: Site No.451, South by: Site No.449.

MIR KAAMRAN HUMAYUN, Advocate
No.2, Chick Bazaar Road Cross, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560051.
Mobile No : 9141077996.
Email: mirkaamran@gmail.com
Date:17-10-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client is intended to Purchase the vacant plot bearing Old No.325/1, PID No.41-1-325/1 forming part and parcel of Schedule 'A' Property, which property is more fully detailed in the schedule 'B' from Sri. N.Vinaya Gupta S/o.Sri.H.N.Nagendra Gupta, Aged about 53 years, R/at No.37, 11th Cross Road, West Kanakapura Road, K.RRoad, Jayanagar 7th Block., Bengaluru-560 082, for valuable consideration.

Any person/s or financial institutions claiming any charge, lien, right, title agreement, interest or share, claim on the schedule property or objection to such sale in favour of my client, should lodge his/her/their/its objection or claim with supporting documents with the undersigned within 07 days of the issuance of this public notice, failing which, my client will proceed with the purchase of the schedule property on the basis that there are no claims or objections with regard to the purchase of the schedule property and no claim will be entertained thereafter.

SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the commercial property bearing corporation No.325/1, BBMP PID No.41-1-325/1, measuring 46,058 Sq.ft, situated on Bangalore-Mysore Road, BBMP Ward No.158, Deepanjali Nagar, Bangalore-560 039 and is marked as EFGH in the sketch annexed herein and bounded on:

East by : Property belonging to BHEL and Site bearing Corporation No.326
West by : Patel Puttaiah Industrial Road
North by : Site bearing Corporation No.325/2
South by : Bangalore-Mysore Road

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Northern side of Schedule 'A' property, commercial property bearing corporation No.325/1, BBMP PID No.41-1-325/1, situated on Bangalore-Mysore Road, BBMP Ward No.158, Deepanjali Nagar, Bangalore-560 039, measuring East to West, towards Northern side 121'-4 " southern side 123'-5 3/4 " and North to South, towards Eastern side 86'-10 3/4", Western side 76'-8", in all ad measuring 10006.9707 Sq.Ft. and bounded on:

East by : Property belonging to BHEL and Site bearing Corporation No.326
West by : Patel Puttaiah Industrial Road
North by : Property allocated to the share of Smt.N.Gowri i.e., property No.325/2
South by : Remaining property of the Vendor site No.325/1

H.T.NATARAJ. B.Com,LLB.
Advocate,
HTN LAW ASSOCIATES
No. 113, 1st Floor, 2nd Main Road, Seshadhripuram, Bangalore-560 020.
(Phone No.9845012696)

IN THE COURT OF THE XIX ADDL. CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU
C.MISC NO. 8581/2024
Petitioner : BRITNEY JOHN WESLEY and others,
V/s
Respondent : The Commissioner Registrar of Birth & Deaths B.B.M.P BENGALURU.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The undersigned advocate submit on behalf of my client BRITNEY JOHN WESLEY D/O. DANIEL JOHN WESLEY Aged about 19 years, R/AT. No.3, Ground Floor, 3rd B Main, Byraveshwaranagar, Nagarbhavi Main Road, Nagarabhavi, BENGALURU 560072. and others have filed the death petition for the death certificate of deceased by name V. LEENA ANITHA KUMARI, W/O. DANIEL JOHN WESLEY as she died on 02.01.2007 at No. 1375, 1st Floor, 2nd stage, Okalipuram, Srirampuram, BENGALURU 560021. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same or appear before the Hon'ble 19th A.C.J.M. Court on 21/11/2024 at 11-00 AM in C.Misc. No.8581/2024.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/- SHERISTEDAR, COURT OF THE 19th A.C.J.M BENGALURU CITY
Smt. Hemalatha .B.G, ADVOCATE

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR LOST DOCUMENT

My Client Sri. Raghu Jadhav S/o Anand Arer Aged about 48 years Residing at No.19, OM Mansion, Pampa Extension, Hebbal Kempapura, Bangalore 560024 has irretrievable lost Original Sale Deed dated 18-8-1999 Document No.BNG(U)-YLNK-2275/1999-2000 executed by Mr.A.Anand S/o Sri. Basappa in favour of my client's Vendor Mr. Girish Naganur S/o Sri.Krishna Rao G Naganur with respect to residential House property, all that piece and parcel of the 1st House at 1st Floor, (Southern Portion) constructed on Site No.19, Byatarayanapura CMC Kata No.262/19 situated at Kempanna Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk My Client has Lodged a Police Complaint for lost article on 16-10-2024 under acknowledgment issued by Police Unit: Bangalore City, Lost Report No.1289434/2024 dated 16-10-2024 If any person/s found the said document please come forward within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice and hand over the same to the undersigned and you will be suitably rewarded. Else there won't be any further claims from thereon.

Address:- Srikantham. V.R, Advocate
No. 310, 60 feet Road, Talakaveri Layout, Sahakar Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 092. Phone No. 9845104859

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Sri. PRASAD.P, S/o. Sri. Pakirappa, Aged about 38 years, R/at. No. 3, 7th 'B' Cross, NRI Layout, 2nd Phase, Kalkere, Horamavu, Bangalore 560043. is intending to purchase the Schedule property from its owners, 1) Smt. K.V. PREMA, W/o. Late. N. Venugopal, Aged about 53 years, 2) Sri. JAYANTH. V, S/o. Late. N. Venugopal, Aged about 34 years, 3) Sri. PAVAN. V, S/o. Late. N. Venugopal, Aged about 30 years, R/at. All are R/at. 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Punya Bhoomi Layout, Kalkere, Bangalore 560016. for Valuable Consideration. Any persons having any rights/claims/objections/Minor Claims, in respect of the schedule property are hereby requested to send their objections to the above mentioned address within 7 days, from the receipt of the this public notice. If no objections are forth coming within 7 days, my client shall get executed sale deed in his favour.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Immovable Property bearing Site No. 141, Old No. 14, old Khata No. 261, Present BBMP Khata No. 0205, Situated at Sonnathammanahalli Village (Anandapura), K.R. Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore. Previously comes under the limits of K.R. Puram CMC, Presently comes under the limits of BBMP, Bangalore. Ward No. 12, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet and bounded on the: -

East by : Site bearing No. 142,
West by : Site No. 140,
North by : Road,
South by : Site bearing No. 166.

The Schedule property consist of 10 Sq RCC roofed house at Ground floor, 10 Sq RCC roofed house at first floor and 10 Sq RCC roofed house at second floor, with mosaic flooring doors, and windows made of jungle wood with all basic amenities.

Mr. Manjunath Reddy, B.A., LLB.,
Smt. T. Shobha Reddy, B.Sc., LLB.,
No. 8/7, Mega City BEML Layout Road, Maragondanahalli Main Road, K.R. Puram Post, Bangalore-36.
Ph:- 9845520830, 7353233778, 9945530955.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender No : Re T No.143 to 145/2024-25/SE/Q

RKI, JJM, - Neduvathoor- construction of OHSR, intake well cum pump house, transformer room, gravity main pumping main and allied works. EMD : Rs. 100000; Tender fee: Rs. 8270+1489; Last Date for submitting Tender: 28-10-2024, 02:00:pm; Phone : 0474 2745293
Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Superintending Engineer
KWA-JB-GL-6-725-2024-25 PH Circle, Kollam

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Email: rchobellary@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಎನ್.ಹೆಚ್.ಎಂ./ಆರ್.ಪಿ.ಹೆಚ್./388/2024-25 ದಿನಾಂಕ :16/10/2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

National Health Mission Ballari District have invited E-Tender for supply of Medical Equipments for 17 Primary Health Centres and 09 Urban Primary Health Centres Under NAQS Programme from eligible Bidders participates in a Double Cover Bid System the details of Medical Equipments for 17 Primary Health Centres and 09 Urban Primary Health Centres Under NAQS Programme can be viewed from Kppp. portal of Government of Karnataka. www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.
(1).Approximate of Tender value is Rs.58, 26,100/-. (2).The EMD Value is Rs. 1,16,522/-. 3).Tender Documents shall download from the Kppp. portal from 16.10.2024. (4).Tender must be submitted online through Kppp. portal on or before 23.10.2024 up to 04.00 PM. (5).Technical Bids will be opened on 25.10.2024 @ 11.10 A.M
Further required information can be obtained from the above said office during office hours.
Sd/-District Health & Family Welfare Officer, Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/544/KSMCA/2024-25

यूनियन बैंक Union Bank of India

Address at Sy No 105, 1st Floor Jigani Shankar Building, Jigani Link Road Near Bharath Petrol Pump, Bandenallasandra Village, Jigani Post, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560105
Contact no:9321932732, mail ID: ubin0932732@unionbankofindia.bank

DEMAND NOTICE

To, Borrowers: 1. (a) Ajay Kumar S/o Suryabhan Thakur Flat No 703 Park Golden Aura Apartment, Doctors Enclave, Old Chandapura, Bangalore 560099. Also at S/o Suryabhan Thakur Flat No 601 Park Golden Aura Apartment, Doctors Enclave, Old Chandapura, Bangalore 560099. (b) Ranjana Rani W/o Ajay Kumar Flat No 703 Park Golden Aura Apartment, Doctors Enclave, Old Chandapura, Bangalore 560099. Also At W/o Ajay Kumar Flat No 601 Park Golden Aura Apartment, Doctors Enclave, Old Chandapura, Bangalore 560099.
Notice dt. 19/09/2024 issued to you u/s 13(2) of The Securitisation & Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 by UNION BANK OF INDIA, Bandenallasandra Branch bran/me, the Authorised Officer, was sent to you calling upon to repay the dues in your loan account/s with us at your last known address could not be served. Therefore, the contents of the said demand notice are being published in this newspaper.
The credit facilities/loan facilities availed by you have been classified as NPA on 13/09/2024. You have executed loan documents while availing the facilities and created security interest in favour of the Bank. The details the credit Facilities and secured assets are as under Credit facilities availed of Housing Loan with outstanding amount as on 13/09/2024 of Rs.30,08,341.77.

Details of Secured Properties

Registered Equitable Mortgage of an Two Bed Room Apartment Bearing No.601 on the Sixth Floor of the Building known as "Park Golden Aura" constructed in Schedule B Property having a super built up area of 1370 Sq Feet together with 369 Sq Feet of undivided share of land and once covered Car Parking space in the Ground Floor, constructed on Site No. 941/2, 941/3, 941/4, SY. No. 65, situated at Chandapura Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District and bounded on: East by: Samarpana Asram, West by: Flat No 602, North By: Site no 941/1, South by: Flat No 612
Therefore, you, MR.AJAY KUMAR and MRS. RANJANA RANI, as borrowers in terms of the aforesaid notice have been called upon to pay the aforesaid sum of Rs.30,08,341.77 as on 13/09/2024 together with future interest and charges thereon within 60 days from the date of this publication. That on your failure to comply therewith we, the secured creditor, shall be entitled to exercise all or any of the rights under Section 13(4) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets & Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002. In terms of Section 13(13) of the Act you shall not transfer the secured assets aforesaid from the date of receipt of the notice without Bank's prior consent. Please take note of the provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 16.10.2024
Place : Bengaluru
Sd/- Authorised Officer
Branch Manager

MP POORV KSHETRA VIDYUT VITARAN CO. LTD.
BLOCK NO. 7, SHAKTI BHAWAN, RAMPUR, JABALPUR (M.P.).
Tel No: 0761 2702473, Fax No. 0761-2660048. CIN: U40109MP2002SGC015120
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No.CGM/S&P/EZ/GM-I/II/1775 Jabalpur, dtd:- 15.10.2024

TENDER NOTICE

Online Tenders are invited for following items:-

Sr. No.	T.S.No. DISCOM/E Z/PUR	NAME OF ITEMS	APPROX. VALUE (Rs. in Lakhs)	TENDER FEE (in Rs.)	Due date of Opening of Tender
1	1502 (E-Tender No.2024_ PKVVC_376484_1)	DLMS Complaint LT Single Phase Whole Current Static Energy Meters (5-30A) with Optical Communication Port Duly Fitted in Meters Box	2235.00	11,800.00	12.11.2024

* For other details visit our website - www.mpez.co.in & mptenders.gov.in
SAVE ENERGY FOR BETTER TOMORROW C.G.M. (S&P)
"बिजली संबंधी शिकायतों निराकरण के लिए 1912 डायल करें।"

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank
Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore-560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.
Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Amritha Oil Products ,V. B. Muralidharan, Soumya. P, V. B. Harishankar, V. B. Sunilkumar & V. B. Ramdas / Mampattakalam House Mundakottukurissy Shornur Palakkad Kerala-679122 / 210805500149 & 210855000001.	As The Piece and Parcel of Property Survey No: 201/1 in Chalavara Village, Ottapalam Taluk, Cheruppulserry Sub District, Palakkad District, Kerala Sate Owned By Mr.Sunil Kumar, Mr. Ramdas, Mr. Harisankar, and Mrs. Sowmya. Extent of 26.31 Ares. With The Following Boundaries North : Road, South : Road East : Property of Moideenkutty West By : Road, Together With All The Buildings and Structures Thereon, Rights, Fixtures, Fittings and All Plant and Machinery Attached To The Earth or Permanently Fastened To Anything Attached To The Earth, Both Present and Future. Date of Physical Possession 15th October 2024.	February 18, 2022 Rs. 1,53,53,119.51/-	Palakkad

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.
Date: October 18, 2024
Place: Bangalore
Sincerely Authorised Signatory
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL
PROTECTING INVESTING FINANCING ADVISING
Aditya Birla Finance Limited

Registered Office : Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat - 362266
Branch address. No 01/78, Star Avenue, 6th Cross, Victoria Road, Victoria Layout, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560047

"APPENDIX- IV-A" [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for Sale of Immovable Properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) read with Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Finance Limited the Secured Creditor on 21.06.2024 will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 21st November , 2024 for recovery of Rs 2,56,92,373.47/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty-Six Lakh Ninety-Two Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Three and Forty-Seven Paise Only) as on 10.10.2024 and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization due to the Secured Creditor from Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/Guarantors Namely M/s Rentprop4u Mgt Services Private Limited, Mr. Nagaraj M, Mrs. Asha M and Mr. Ravi M.
The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit will be as follows:

Description of the immovable properties	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit
"All the piece and parcel of the properties bearing: - Property 1: Extract of Form B Property register No. 2825/165/116/6/61/44/5-36-5 assigned to Khaneshumari Nos. 165 & 116, Katha No. 61/44/5-36-5, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 60 feet, situated at Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, comprising of a building, and bounded on: East by : Property belongs to Mr. Nagaraj & Road; West by : Property belongs to Mr. Sadashivaiah; North by : Property belongs to Mr. Muniyappa & Mr. Nagaraju; South by : Property belongs to Mr. Chowdappa. Property 2.: Site No. 108, Katha No.117, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, formed in land bearing Sy No.117, situated at Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, comprising of a building, and bounded on: East by: Road; West by: Property belongs to Mr. Vasu; North by: Karadamma Temple; South by: Property belongs to Mr. Ashwath.	Rs. 3,32,28,540/-	Rs. 33,22,854/-

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditor website i.e. https://mortgagefinance.adityabirlacapital.com/Pages/Individual/Properties-for-Auction-under-SARFAESI-Act.aspx also on the website of https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net

Date: 17.10.2024
Place: Bangalore
Loan Account Numbers: ABBANLAP000000576449
for Aditya Birla Finance Limited
Authorized Officer
(9686701466)

EDITORIAL

"Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, but your government only when it deserves it" — Mark Twain

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— Ramnath Goenka

ASSAM MUST MOVE FORWARD AFTER SC NOD ON CITIZENSHIP

THE Supreme Court's decision to uphold Section 6A of the Citizenship Act, 1955, is a welcome move that will go a long way in fostering fraternity among the people of Assam, in particular, and those living in the northeastern states, in general. The court has turned down the petitioner's appeal, stating that they cannot be given the right to choose their neighbours, and emphasising the need to live and let live. The petitioners failed to prove that the insertion of Section 6A in the Citizenship Act violated Section 29(1) of the Constitution, by compromising their culture and language.

Section 6A came into being at the time of signing the Assam Accord in 1985, with the intent of balancing the rights of Assam citizens with the historical demographic challenges faced by the state. It granted citizenship to those who migrated to the state by March 25, 1971, in order to prevent their statelessness, and provide them with social security benefits and political representation. The aim of the Accord was also to facilitate cultural integration and social cohesion through a legal framework, bringing security and stability to the region.

The SC's decision has come at a time when the state is deeply divided over the Centre's move to implement the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and a National Register for Citizens (NRC). The CAA and NRC seek to address the same issue of migration, particularly from Bangladesh, that the Assam Accord attempted to resolve in a different way. The state's population has become highly polarised on this issue. Migration from Bangladesh has led to significant demographic changes and increased tension between the local population and migrants. Politicians on both sides of the divide have not helped matters by pandering to the worst fears of their respective votebanks.

However, the signatories of the Assam Accord and the SC have demonstrated that there is a way forward if the Union and state governments show the will to work with a spirit of accommodation; both need to adopt the path of inclusivity and find forward-thinking solutions. The influx of illegal immigrants must be stopped. However, the governments need to understand that the problem faced by Assam is not merely demographic; it is about shaping a society that values diversity and fosters unity. Dialogue and inclusivity can serve as the guiding principles for resolving the long-pending issue of immigrants in Assam.

NAIDU'S BIG DREAMS FOR AP AS INDUSTRY HUB

ANDHRA Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has unveiled a comprehensive economic and industrial policy for the State for the next five years, with the ambitious aim of generating 20 lakh jobs, and creating an environment not only to attract but also build global brands. Every state government comes up with policies to boost its industrial growth, but the scale and target of Naidu's vision is indeed commendable. It is not easy, though. Following the creation of Telangana in 2014, Andhra Pradesh was largely reduced to an agrarian economy. When he assumed the mantle in 2014, Naidu focused on developing Amaravati as the capital, which ran into a wall after his government fell in 2019. During this period, he built on the State's strengths, bringing automobile giant Kia Motors to the Rayalaseema region and trying to put Visakhapatnam on the map of emerging technological sectors. The five years under YSRC from 2019 witnessed industrial growth, but not in line with the aspirations of the educated young. Its policies such as quota for locals and other moves did not help, and Brand AP couldn't take off.

Jobs and development are Naidu's poll promise, and he has articulated how he intends to deliver in the six documents he released. From ease of doing business to speed of doing business, he has set sky-high aims for developing manufacturing, electronics, clean energy, pharma and MSMEs. His target of ₹30 lakh crore investments in manufacturing alone might sound far-fetched, but why not dream bigger? Industry contributes approximately 23 percent of the GSDP and growth potential is enormous. With four more ports under development and an international airport in Vizag shaping up, AP has an excellent opportunity to provide the best ecosystem for industries and exports.

Nonetheless, to transform Andhra into a knowledge and manufacturing hub is challenging. Neighbouring Telangana, with Hyderabad as its crest jewel, and Tamil Nadu with a vibrant Chennai, pose significant competition. To figure among the top states, Naidu has planned on floating a Tata Innovation Hub to upskill youth and create a conducive environment. His vision looks perfect on paper, and his marketing skills are in no doubt, however, he needs to clamp down on corruption and ensure no political interference if AP is to rival its neighbours.

QUICK TAKE

MILLETS FOR THE PLANET

WORLD Wildlife Fund's Living Planet report released this week painted a grim picture of looming food insecurity. On the problems side, it listed the well-known suspects of wildfires, drought, invasive species, overfishing, pollution, warming waters and wetland loss. But there were a few surprises on the solutions side. The report highlighted India's National Millet Campaign for promoting a nutritious diet with plants that are "highly resilient in the face of climate change". It also praised Andhra Pradesh's community-managed natural farming initiative, the world's largest transition to agro-ecology, as an exemplar of "nature-positive food production". If only more of us took to the best practices that some of us practise.

The success of the RSS is unique. It has evolved what could be described as multi-dimensional patriotism, and must be credited for showing that patriotism has to reflect in day-to-day conduct

BRINGING BACK PATRIOTISM: 100 YEARS OF THE RSS

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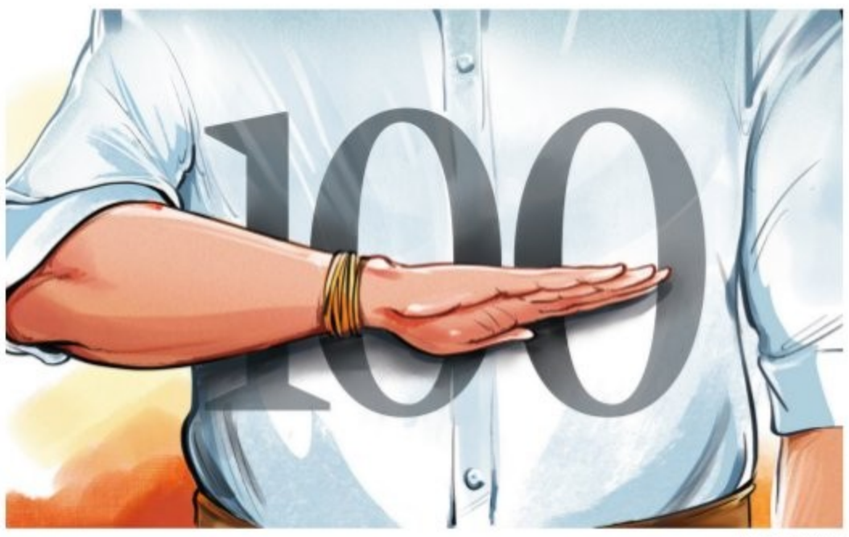

MANOAR PARDIKAR

THE essential identity of India has been that of a civilisational nation. As culture has always been the foundation of the nation, Indian nationalism too is 'cultural' at its core. Sadly, thanks to all that happened before, during and after the independence struggle, denial of the centrality of culture became a practice. Multiple aspects of the hazardous impact of this denial comprised distortion of history, misinterpretation of traditions, manufacturing of pro-fragmentation theories to show India was never a nation, and cultivation of a national habit to accommodate many things of some recalcitrant elements that just cannot be accommodated.

With nationalism pushed to the periphery, patriotism — in certain quarters — was made to look like an obscurantist, narrow and outdated idea, going against political correctness. As a consequence, the element of emotionality helping us share a common ethos almost faced forced evaporation. Many made us believe India is not an organically integrated nation but a conglomeration of provinces, and the map of India made of several pieces of provinces artificially stitched together.

However, decisively swimming against the tide, one particular organisation that stood firm and advocated patriotism — and its reflection in popular behaviour — in an unapologetic manner was the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).

This Dussehra was special for the RSS as the organisation entered its centennial year. For a movement like the RSS, it is truly remarkable to have been relentlessly working to awaken the masses on issues concerning national integration and social harmony for a century, while reminding them about India's foundational culture.

The success of the RSS is unique. Firstly, thanks to the RSS, patriotism has evolved as a basic value, motivating several hundred thousand citizens to come together, work together and stay together. RSS must be credited for educating people to make them realise patriotism has to reflect in their day-to-day conduct and is not just confined to flag hoisting, playing patriotic songs or taking a pledge of national unity. The RSS has evolved what could be described as multi-dimensional patriotism, including social, cultural, behavioural and economic patriotism.

Secondly, it is the RSS again that made people realise the value of cultural patriotism as a binding force. While it is true that India symbolises unity in diversity, many interpreted this notion to suggest India is originally fragmented, making factual history stand on its head. However, thanks to the RSS and several other organisations working relentlessly to make national integration a part of experiential learning, people across India relate themselves equally to the agonies of terror-affected people in J&K or flood-affected people in Bihar.

A subset of cultural patriotism is taking legitimate pride in one's identity. Sociologists no more consider identity as something primordial. They now recognise its importance as a unifying force. Obviously then, with the spectre of cultural flattening of the world as waves of Americanisation engulf many parts of the globe, RSS's cultural patriotism teaches the value of protecting our core cultural identity to safeguard the beauty of diversity. From languages to culinary traditions and from fashion to architecture, if the global community indulges in aping the West, the world will certainly be less attractive than what it actually is.

The third variant of patriotism promoted by the RSS is citizens' patriotism. There are two aspects of this. Firstly, RSS teaches what can be described as citizens' social responsibility by imbibing a sense of societal indebtedness in their mind. Secondly, it also tries to cultivate law-abiding and value-conscious citizens who try to adhere to ethics and morality. Hundreds of Sangh-inspired organisations work all over India, but one rarely hears about corruption, nepotism or lack of transparency and accountability afflicting them. In its own way, RSS tries to instil a strong sense of purpose in common people, making their lives more meaningful.

There comes the importance of the fourth variant, the functional or organisational patriotism. Over the decades, the Sangh has evolved its own science of organisation, where all are considered equally important and nobody is believed to be indispensable. A strong belief in the science of transforming individuals has made RSS accept 'all as they are' and cultivate them 'as they need to be'. The karyapaddhati or style of functioning, historically evolved in the Sangh, has made it 'RSS'. It has the resilience to adopt new technologies, befriend new generations and evolve new systems without any compromise to its core philosophy. Like Mother India, RSS is ever ageing but never old.

Samajik Samarasata or social harmony, which takes one miles ahead of mere equality, is the social patriotism of RSS. The third Sarsanghchalak Balasaheb Deoras famously said, without mincing any words, that discrimination on the basis of caste has to go 'lock, stock and barrel', putting all doubting Thomases to rest.

The last but perhaps most important patriotism RSS promotes could rightly be described as service patriotism or humanitarian patriotism. India would not have witnessed a single natural calamity, especially during the post-independence era, without RSS cadres rushing to extend relief and rehabilitation assistance. From Himachal to Gujarat and Assam to Kerala, RSS 'nickerwalas' were present everywhere when floods, famines or earthquakes visited there.

Many a times, people raise the question about Hindutva. But here too, the RSS is very clear. Hindutva is Hinduness and every Hindu has democracy in his/her blood. In my opinion, Hindutva is synonymous with large-heartedness. Take the example of how RSS dealt with those who banned the Sangh. Balasaheb Deoras, having been freed from jail, was clear that 'eye for an eye' wouldn't take them anywhere despite being at the receiving end of injustice by the Indira government. "We need to bring change in the hearts of those who did not treat us well," Balasaheb had said in Nagpur in March 1977.

All this makes the RSS centenary a festival of national reconstruction. Thanks to hundreds and thousands of volunteers worshipping the value of patriotism, through its multifaceted contributions, the RSS has successfully mainstreamed patriotism.

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THE SOCIETAL DANGERS OF STUDENT MIGRATION

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ACCORDING to a survey by the International Institute for Migration and Development, Thiruvananthapuram, as many as 2.5 lakh students moved from Kerala in 2023 to various countries for higher education. If so, students migrating from Kerala would be about 20 percent of the total student migration from India. What are the promptings for such a massive outflow of students from Kerala, where facilities for higher education are aplenty, is a question that calls for serious attention. Such large-scale migration would have a far-reaching impact on the society and economy of the state.

Purpose of Migration

Migrants move to countries where opportunities for employment and facilities for improving their economic prospects are available. Kerala is a state where unemployment, especially among the educated class, is widespread. According to the Planning Board, the number of people seeking employment by registering with the employment exchange exceeded 29 lakh in 2023. Among them, those with educational qualification at SSLC or above numbered 23 lakh. Technically qualified people exceeded 3.5 lakh. In addition, the labour market is flooded with the addition of one lakh graduates who come out of universities every year.

On the other hand, Kerala is a state where as many as 20 lakh guest workers from other states are employed. Such an anomalous situation emanates because the unemployed hands are not ready to do the kind of work guest workers are ready to perform. They seek occupations in conformity to their social status, and offer a fairly high amount of remuneration. Since such occupations are few, they continue to remain job-seekers.

The countries to which student migrants move consist mainly of the US, Canada, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and other developed countries. The attraction of these countries stems from the scope for employment. The remuneration these countries offer is much higher than the rate in Kerala. A nurse, for instance, who works in the US earns an amount equivalent to ₹4,00,000 per month. She is capable of owning luxurious houses, cars and various sophisticated consumer durables to the benefit of her family in Kerala. On the other hand, a nurse in Kerala who gets not even one-tenth of the salary of her counterparts in foreign countries, cannot dream of such posh living. Not just nurses, but almost all categories of workers in Kerala cannot dream of such luxurious conditions with their salaries here.

Instances of migrant households displaying lavish lifestyles are rampant in the state. Young boys who see such luxurious lifestyles of migrant households naturally aspire to secure such living conditions for themselves. It is such dreams that propel youngsters to migrate and pursue their studies and secure jobs in unknown lands at heavy odds. Migration may not be a bed of roses for many. Even then, the anticipated gains outweigh the odds.

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Danger signals looming over Kerala

Notwithstanding the potential gains to young migrants, danger signals loom large over Kerala's horizon with the momentum in student migration. Since the students who migrate would also be eligible to acquire citizenship and settle down in foreign lands, the remittances that Kerala is accustomed to getting would not be forthcoming. Furthermore, once the students opt to settle down in such countries, Kerala would be losing the cream of its society. It would be a new form of brain drain without any benefit to the state.

Emigration of students may cause an imbalance in the composition of the population in the state resulting from a drastic fall in the proportion of youth. The Parsi syndrome, in which elders live alone without the company of youngsters, seems to be gaining strength, especially with Syrian Christians. The ethnically different guest workers from other states who fill the vacuum in the labour market may even upset the tranquil atmosphere of village life. Furthermore, the exodus of young boys may leave the countryside with nobody to carry on agricultural operations. The time may not be far off when the garden lands become barren lands.

Conclusion

Since aspirations for a luxurious lifestyle are the primary motive for migration, it may not be possible to curb the outflow of students, at least in the foreseeable future. However, the adverse impact of unlimited outflow calls for corrective measures designed to reduce the tempo of outflow and induce at least a section of migrants to return to Kerala. Creation of employment opportunities that can ensure a fairly good salary stands as the best option for this purpose.

How to create employment opportunities in a state where the invested capital in the factory sector accounts only for 1.53 percent of the all-India total is the baffling problem. What is discernible in the state is the reluctance of entrepreneurs to invest their capital, apparently on account of what is known as an unfriendly investment environment.

As a way out, they should be induced to invest in Kerala by creating an investment-friendly environment. A consensus on the part of all stakeholders comprising entrepreneurs, trade unions and political classes is needed to evolve an investment-friendly environment. Side by side, the introduction of some kind of enclosure movement, as adopted in England during the Industrial Revolution, can be thought of as a sensible measure to retrieve sagging agriculture in the rural tracts of Kerala.

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Limited doctors

Ref: *New global health goal that's worth pursuing* (Oct 17). Genetic predisposition could be one factor behind a better life expectancy in Japan, US, China etc. India has a long way to go to achieve the '50-by-50' goal. The scope available in the country for desired public health by intervention is limited. The numerical strength of doctors also doesn't help.
P Mangalachandran, Kannur

Man-made problem

Ref: *Chennai's claims on flood prevention need a closer look* (Oct 17). The recurring calamity of Chennai is purely a man-made problem. Prevention of floods in the city can be made possible only through a concerted action plan by all concerned.
B V Thampi, Thiruvananthapuram

Nobel complications

Ref: *When Nobel is used as a political tool* (Oct 17). The author deserves commendation for his brave stance in addressing the complexities surrounding the Nobel prizes. By highlighting the connection between politics and recognition, he sheds light on an often-overlooked aspect of these awards.
Niharika H, Chennai

Misusing awards

The author has very rightly highlighted the sheer misuse of prestigious awards like the Nobel, which have often been used to not celebrate greatness, as was the original intention, but to award the powerful West with legitimacy for their actions. To claim that these institutions are completely free from political influence would be ignorance of the highest degree.
Meghna Bakshi, Hyderabad

Legal symbol

Ref: *Blindfold off from Supreme Court's new Statue of Justice* (Oct 17). The recent unveiling of the open-eyed Statue of Justice marks a meaningful departure from colonial symbols. It rightly reflects India's independent legal ethos, where justice is vigilant and guided by the Constitution. This change captures the true essence of equality before the law.
Labanya Dey, Bengaluru

Canada crisis

The deterioration of relations between Canada and India is unfortunate. It's a lose-lose situation for both countries. Still worse is that it's played out for the reaping of political gains by the incumbent party in Canada. In the backdrop of continuing to lose people's trust before the next elections, Canadian PM Justin Trudeau is using this extreme method to try and get some sections on his side.
D V G Sankara Rao, Vizianagaram

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Sambit Patra @sambitswaraj
Rahul Gandhi himself is sitting in the middle on a chair, while Babasaheb Ambedkar's photo is placed on the ground at one corner. His hatred is well known.

Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
The attempt to forcibly take away tribal forests and land through the violent use of police force in Hasdeo Aranya is a violation of the fundamental rights of tribals.

Hemant Soren @HemantSorenJMM
In this era of climate change, while the tribals are fighting strongly to save the environment, the BJP is continuously pushing us towards destruction.

India-Canada diplomatic row hits NIA terror probes

No positive response from Canada for access to accused in 6 cases

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

WITH the diplomatic row escalating between India and Canada, several cases being probed by the NIA, in which the agency has filed chargesheets, appear to have been complicated.

Sources said that despite repeated requests for information as well as access to several accused in the cases were sought from Canadian authorities, no positive response has yet been received.

Sources said that despite chargesheets having been filed in the cases involving Canadian citizens or those living in that country, denial of info and access to question them would lead to jeopardising probe. Getting support from the Canadian authorities has now diminished further with a fresh round of diplomatic row.

Noting that there are cases beyond the attack on the Indian mission in Canada for which NIA has requested assistance, a source said, "The agency has been sending repeated requests through diplomatic channels. But the Canadian authorities are yet to give any positive response in any of the six cases that could help us solve them."

The denial on the part of the authorities in Canada has been

despite the fact that the NIA has shared details such as locations, identifying info, and the criminal involvement of accused based in that country.

The main case, which the NIA has been probing, involves the violent attack by a pro-Khalistani mob on the Indian high commission in Ottawa in 2023, the sources said, adding that the agency has identified individuals, who targeted the mission and raised anti-India slogans.

"Amarjot was named in the FIR registered on June 16 last year under various sections of IPC, Explosive Substances Act, and the UA (P) Act. Investigations revealed that Amarjot led the protesters, raised anti-India slogans, tied a Khalistani flag to the boundary wall of the mission, and hurled two grenades inside the building on March 23, 2023," sources said.

The NIA in its investigations has found that Arshdeep Singh alias Arsh Dala conspired to execute terror-related strikes from Canada and using that country as "safehouse".

He orchestrated attacks across Punjab and Delhi and was involved in India, the NIA sources said. Harry Maur and Harry Rajpura, two arrested accused, were harboured by Rajeev Kumar, who planned attacks under Dala's direction.

In a case linked to Lawrence Bishnoi, NIA found that conspiracies were hatched from Canada. The NIA probe indicated that Vikas Singh, an aide of Bishnoi, harboured terrorists, including those involved in the RPG attack on the Punjab Police Headquarters.

The probe against Sikh for Justice chief Gurupatwant Singh Pannun would bear the brunt of the diplomatic row.

Attack on Indian mission in Ottawa in 2023

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CBI chargesheet against Karti in graft case linked to Chinese visa

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE CBI has filed a chargesheet against Congress MP Karti Chidambaram and others following its investigations into alleged bribery in facilitating visas for Chinese nationals of a power company in 2011 when his father P Chidambaram was home minister, officials said on Thursday.

The chargesheet was filed before a special court here. The CBI has named Karti, the Lok Sabha MP from Sivaganga, his aide S Bhaskararaman, Talawandi Sabo Power Ltd (TSPL), among others, according to officials. The CBI has invoked charges of criminal conspiracy, cheating, and forgery under IPC and the Prevention of Corruption Act.

The chargesheet has been filed after two-year probe into the case, registered in 2022, where it had alleged that Punjab-based TSPL was setting up a 1,980 MW thermal power plant and the work was outsourced to a Chinese firm Shandong Electric Power Construction Corp. The project was running behind its schedule.

The CBI FIR alleged that an executive of TSPL approached Karti through Bhaskararaman in order to avoid penal actions for the delay.

'Explosive devices... not a joke': Hoax threats to airlines

MUKESH RANJAN AND SHEKHAR SINGH @ New Delhi

FOR a fourth straight day on Thursday, multiple flights of domestic airlines received bomb threats. Among the flights that received threats four were of Air India Express, two of Vistara and one Indigo. Air India said "a number of" their flights also received hoax bomb threats, but did not specify the number, airline sources said.

"A number of Air India flights received a security threat on social media today. These have been duly reported to the regulatory bodies and all laid down procedures were strictly followed as per guidance of the regulatory bodies. All flights have made a safe landing," an Air India official said.

In response, the Indian intelligence agencies claim to have found that the IP addresses from where the hoax calls were made originated from Germany and the UK, sources said. The authorities have suspended or blocked about 10 social media handles for posting threats, official sources said.

Following the identification of the locations of the IP addresses, the sources said, the initial probe established that the threats were posted from

Focus on 7-8 social media a/cs, dark web

Acting on intelligence inputs, the government has suspended more than half-a-dozen social media handles that issued hoax bomb threats. At least seven-eight social media handles, mostly on 'X', have been suspended or blocked since Monday. Security agencies have been directed to enhance cyber patrolling on social media and the dark web to check such threats.

three separate handles and two of them have been traced to common IP addresses in the UK and Germany.

Intelligence agencies have also found some common lines and words used in these fake threats like "bombs", "explosive devices", "this is not a joke", "blood will spread everywhere", and "you will all die" and "bomb rakhwa dia hai (Hindi for bomb has been placed)."

A social media post from the X handle @psychotichumano set the aviation industry on edge with an alarming message to Air India. "@airindia I planted explosive devices onboard five of your planes... The explosives will soon go off. Down the plane as quick as possible," the post read.

Two International flights, -- Air India, en route from Mumbai to London and IndiGo's Istanbul to Mumbai flights -- declared emergency and were grounded for thorough checks.

The social media handles are being "analysed" by a joint team of cyber experts, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) and intelligence agencies following the inputs. The sources said, around seven-eight social media handles, mostly on X, have been suspended or blocked since Monday, when these hoax bomb and terror attack threats started coming to virtually all the airlines.

On Wednesday, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu said law enforcement agencies are actively pursuing all cases of bomb threats against airlines and the government is closely monitoring the situation.

Rlys makes changes, cuts advance ticket booking time from 120 days to 60

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

AHEAD of festivals like Diwali and Chhath, the Railways has reduced the advance reservation period (ARP) of seats from 120 days to 60 days starting November 1. All bookings done up to October 31 under the ARP of 120 days will remain intact, said a railway ministry circular issued on Thursday.

The circular was sent to all principal chief commercial managers across the railway zones, indicating that the change is meant to streamline the booking process during peak travel seasons. "It has been decided that with effect from 01-11-2024, the existing time limit for advance reservations by trains will be reduced from 120 days to 60 days (excluding the date of journey)," the circular said.

Cancellation of the booking made beyond ARP of 60 days will, however, be permitted. "There will be no change in the case of certain day-time express trains like Taj Express and Gomti Express, where lower time limits for advance reservation are, at present in force," the circular said. There will also be no change in the case of a limit of 365 days for foreign tourists. Also, foreign tourists will have the option to book their tickets up to 365 days in advance without any changes.

The circular did not cite any reason for the reduction in ARP. A senior official told this newspaper, "The move comes as the Railways prepares for increased demand during festive seasons when travel surges."

Over 2.5 crore passengers travel daily on tickets bought either online or through counters. Nearly 14,000 trains run daily across the country.

50-60% of reservation tickets booked online

More than 2.5 crore passengers travel daily on tickets bought either online or through counters. Nearly 14,000 trains run daily across the country. Of the total reservation bookings, 50-60% of tickets are booked online. The Railways earned ₹1,229.85 crore from cancellation of wait list tickets between 2021 and 2024.

CJI Chandrachud names Justice Sanjiv Khanna as successor

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

CHIEF Justice of India DY Chandrachud on Thursday recommended to the Centre that Justice Sanjiv Khanna, the senior-most Supreme Court Judge after the outgoing CJI, be named as his successor.

According to sources, Minister of State for Law and Justice (independent charge) Arjun Ram Meghwal had written to CJI Chandrachud asking him to name his successor.

CJI Chandrachud will demit office on November 10. If named, Justice Khanna will be the 51st CJI and have a tenure of six months. He will retire on May 13, 2025 after attaining the age of 65.

Some of the notable judgments of Justice Khanna in the Supreme ₹Court include upholding the use of Electronic Voting Machines in elections, saying the devices were secure and eliminated booth capturing and bogus voting.

He was also part of the five-judge bench that declared the electoral bond scheme, meant for funding of political parties, as unconstitutional. Justice Khanna was a part of the five-judge bench, which upheld the Centre's 2019 decision abrogating Article 370 of the Constitution which granted a special status to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud (in middle) with Justice Sanjiv Khanna (to his right) and Justice B R Gavai | SUPREME COURT

Justice Khanna had granted interim bail to the then Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, an accused in the alleged Delhi excise policy scam cases, for campaigning in Lok Sabha elections.

A lawyer, who did not want to be named , said, "I know Justice Khanna even before he became a judge in Delhi High Court in 2005. I have seen his orders and judgments. All these are quite well reasoned."

Justice Khanna was enrolled as an advocate with the Bar Council of Delhi in 1983 and he began his practice in district courts in Delhi. After a while, he regularly appeared in the High Court and tribunals in fields as diverse as constitutional law, direct taxes, arbitration and commercial matters, company law, land laws, and environment laws.

He had argued a number of criminal cases in the Delhi HC as an additional public prosecutor. He had a tenure of seven years as Senior Standing Counsel for IT department in Delhi HC. In 2004, he was appointed as Standing Counsel (Civil) for NCT of Delhi. Elevated as an additional judge of Delhi HC in 2005, he was made a permanent judge in 2006. Born on May 14, 1960, Justice Khanna studied law at the Campus Law Centre of Delhi University

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Death row convict in triple murder acquitted

The Supreme Court on Thursday in its order acquitted Vishwajeet Kerba Masalkar, a death row convict, for the 2012 triple murder of his mother, wife, and two-year-old daughter on grounds that the case was based on "circumstantial evidence" which the prosecution could not prove beyond a reasonable doubt.

Plea for restoration of statehood to J&K

The SC said on Thursday that it will consider listing a plea seeking time-bound restoration of J&K statehood. Senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, appearing for applicants, urged a bench comprising CJI D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra that the plea needed an urgent hearing.

Concern over felling of trees in Kolkata

The Supreme Court has expressed concern over the felling of trees in Kolkata, attributing it to delays in the planning and implementation of the metro rail project. A bench of Justices BR Gavai, Prashant Kumar Mishra and KV Viswanathan drew comparisons with metro in Delhi and how it should have been done.

Constitutional validity of laws on marital rape

The Supreme Court on Thursday said that it will decide the constitutional validity of penal provisions in the IPC and the BNS which grant immunity from prosecution to a husband for the offence of rape if he forces his wife, who is not a minor, to have sex with him. A three-judge bench, led by CJI D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, sought views of the petitioners on Centre's submission that making such acts punishable would severely impact the conjugal relationship and cause serious disturbances in the institution of marriage.

Speaker bats for tech, says using AI to make Parliament more people-friendly

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

LOK Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Thursday said Parliament was using artificial intelligence and related technologies for record-keeping and making speeches by members and other information available to the people in their mother tongue.

Addressing the concluding session of the 149th assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in Geneva, Birla said in a multilingual society like India, it is necessary to facilitate MPs to speak in their preferred languages. He highlighted the imperative of using AI for record-keeping, making debates and speeches, and other info available to people to make Parliament people-friendly.

He said he was happy to note that the parliamentary fraternity had appreciated India's initiatives of a green, tech-driven and paperless Parliament.

Birla also participated in the Governing Council meeting of the IPU. He said the IPU was a productive forum for advancing global commitments to inclusive growth through parliamentary cooperation.

Om Birla says speeches by MPs will be available to people in their mother tongues

Birla informed that Speakers and MPs from more than 100 countries had acknowledged and appreciated PRIDE as a leading global institution for Parliamentary training.

Birla met Presiding Officers and delegates of several world Parliaments, including Nepal, Maldives, Armenia, Thailand, Oman, Switzerland, Australia, Seychelles, Algeria, Zimbabwe, Bhutan, and UAE, where he highlighted the achievements of inclusive and sustainable growth in India.

Earlier, Birla met Ibrahim Boughali, President of the National People's Assembly of Algeria. Recalling the visit of President Droupadi Murmu to Algeria, Birla said robust trade, cultural and people-to-people relations between the two countries matter a lot to India.

Swedes offer upgraded Gripen to IAF

HRITHIK KIRAN BAGADE @ Bengaluru

ENTHUSED by the Indian Air Force's potential Multi-Role Fighter Aircraft (MRFA) deal, Swedish defence tech major Saab on Thursday said if it is awarded the contract, it would deliver the first Gripen E/F fighter, with indigenous content, to India within the succeeding three years. It is also keen to explore manufacturing opportunities for the state-of-the-art fighter here, to serve local, as well as global markets, along with a complete transfer of technology.

Highlighting the company's intent for complete technology transfer to India, Saab Campaign Director and Head of Gripen for India Programme (Business Area Aeronautics) Kent-Ake Molin said, "We foresee that we can set up full-scale production in India, which will include everything; not just airframe, but also systems and software. We have an aggressive plan to rapidly indigenise the platform. We have had favourable discussions with a host of private partners, who will support us in our indigenisation efforts."

The MRFA deal that is being finalised by the IAF to acquire 114 fighter jets under the 'Make in India' policy, to replace and replenish its arsenal, is valued at $20 billion. Vying for this massive contract are the Dassault Rafale, Boeing F/A-18 Super Hornet, Lockheed Martin F-21, MiG-35, and Eurofighter Typhoon, apart from the Gripen. In a bid to boost the country's defence manufacturing capabilities, the contract calls for the procurement of aircraft from only those vendors willing to establish manufacturing lines in India, complemented by technology transfer, in collaboration with local partners.

Accordingly, Saab is looking to create an entire ecosystem for the Gripen in India. "We responded to the RFI for the MRFA deal in 2018, following which we have had engagements with the IAF to know its requirements. We are working with our industry partners here, on how to fully indigenise this platform, finding and building a blueprint for an ecosystem for them. We are well-prepared to rapidly deliver fighter aircraft to the IAF, supported by our Indian partners, within a three-year time-

frame," reiterated Molin.

While a part of Gripen's general aircraft systems, including the engine, fuel, and hydraulics, are sourced from established global OEMs at present, in terms of avionics, software, mission computers, system integration, data fusion and sensor fusion capabilities, and the equipment associated with them, the methods required to manage data are all indigenous. "We have very good internal capability in radar and electronic warfare systems, and weapon systems... It's all about integration and collaboration... What is also important is that we have the capability to also include Indian equipment, systems and weapons, on our platform," Molin told *TNIE*.

Saab was also a contender for the erstwhile MMRCA deal. The new Gripen E boasts of the latest technologies. AI integration allows pilots faster and more accurate decision-making capabilities, in the most challenging combat scenarios. Besides, its network-enabled capabilities will aid working with other platforms simultaneously for tactical superiority, while periodic software upgrades will ensure longer flight times. Hence, along with the aircraft itself, Saab intends to deliver its entire gamut of software and tech infrastructure to India, to support overall operability. "The software infra will also be transferred to India, as part of the overall tech transfer. We will also offer design capability to enable sovereign control over the indigenous tactical development of the platform," informed Molin.

Accordingly, the company also hints at setting up a design centre, where the required methods, processes, and know-how will be integrated under one roof, by local talent. "... it's where you will have access to software and will also design the hardware, to enable the needed upgrades. All this needs to be done in very close proximity to the end-user," he added.

FARMERS' MARCH

Farmers collective Samyukt Kisan Morcha has said it will hold 'chetavani' (warning) rallies across 500 districts on November 26 to commemorate four years of farmers' march to Delhi. It warned of a bigger agitation next year if its demands are not fulfilled.

41 CHILDREN OF THANE SCHOOL FELL ILL FROM FOOD POISONING

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Mumbai	35	29
Bhopal	43	28	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42	23

Detect, deport illegal Bangladeshi immigrants chorus in Assam grows

Some parties say the state should be kept outside CAA as it 'contradicts' Assam Acccord

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

AASU members celebrate the SC judgment on Section 6A of the Citizenship Act | PTI

OPPOSITION parties and various organisations in Assam on Thursday demanded that the government begin the process of detecting and deporting the illegal Bangladeshi immigrants who entered the state after March 24, 1971.

The demand stemmed from the Supreme Court's judgment that upheld Section 6A of the Citizenship Act, validating the 1971 cut-off date for granting Indian citizenship to the immigrants.

The 1971 cut-off date is linked to the Assam Accord of 1985, signed between the then Rajiv Gandhi government and the All Assam Students' Union (AASU) at the end of the six-year-long bloody Assam agitation. The accord says the illegal immigrants, irrespective of religious faith who entered Assam after March 25, 1971, are to be detected and deported.

Some opposition parties demanded that Assam be kept outside the purview of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act (CAA), pointing out that it comes in conflict with the 1971 cut-off date.

By implementing CAA, the Centre sought to grant Indian citizenship to people from six non-Muslim communities from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan who migrated to India till December 31, 2014.

The Congress, All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF), Raijor Dal, Assam Jatiya Parishad (AJP) besides AASU and Assam Public Works (APW) welcomed the SC's judgment.

"With this judgment, the court has ended the debate on whether 1971 or 1951 should be the basis to detect and deport foreigners. The government should drive out all illegal immigrants who came to Assam after March 25, 1971," AASU president Utpal Sarma demanded.

He said the AASU as well as the BJP governments at the Centre and in Assam were not happy when only 19 lakh people were left out of the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

"We moved the court seeking re-verification (of documents of NRC applicants), but the BJP governments did not. We demand that they file an affidavit in the court seeking re-verification. They should also speed up detecting the illegal immigrants who came after March 25, 1971 and drive them out," Sarma said.

State Congress chief Bhupen Kumar Borah viewed the judgment as reposing its faith in the historic Assam accord. AIUDF MLA Rafiqul Islam observed that the court solved a long-standing issue. "After this judgment, we want the government not to rehabilitate the post-1971 stream of immigrants in Assam. If BJP loves them so much, it can rehabilitate them in Gujarat or other places," Islam said.

Activist-turned-Raijor Dal chief Akhil Gogoi urged the people to accept the judgment. "The people of Assam have no other option but to accept this judgment. Together, they will now have to decide on the deportation of all immigrants."

Cut-off date

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India could have taken entire Pak during Kargil: RSS

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @Ahmedabad

RSS chief **Mohan Bhagwat** said on Thursday that India had the capability to capture Pakistan during the Kargil conflict in 1999, but the government at that time had instructed the Army not to cross the border for attack.

"We strike only where trouble arises. We don't attack without reason, nor do we let others attack us," Bhagwat said, emphasising India's policy of measured defence.

Addressing a programme of the Jain community in Surat, the RSS chief said, "Due to our commitment to upholding the principles laid down by our ancestors, India extends its support to the countries that have previously waged a war against us but are currently facing a crisis. We do not initiate attacks, nor do we tolerate any attack on us."

He said, "When Pakistan attacked us during the Kargil war, India had the option to retaliate against our neighbour if we had chosen to do so. However, our army received clear instructions not to cross the Line of Control. The army was directed to target only those who were within our borders. Whether this was right or wrong is something to reflect on. The reason behind this is that our foundation is spiritual."

Emphasising the importance of unity and national character, Bhagwat said, "A person can die smiling, but cannot live alone. It is essential to learn how to live as part of a group."

He highlighted the significance of national character in maintaining social cohesion. "To stay united as a society, national character is crucial. There is a sattvic power in our nation, a strength that teaches the world," he said.

RANCHI DIARY

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Face-off over viral list of BJP candidates

Though no major political party in Jharkhand has announced its candidates, a "list" of their candidates has gone viral. In one case, it led to a violent incident. Supporters of former BJP MLA Louis Marandi and former MP **Sunil Soren** from Dumka first came to blows and then one of them tried to stab the other following a heated exchange over the "list of probable candidates." Reportedly, a Sunil Soren supporter, Sitaram Mishra, was expressing happiness over the candidature of Sunil from Dumka. It was opposed by Anuj Singh, a supporter of Louis Marandi. In a fit of rage, Mishra and his son stabbed Anuj Singh.

JMM terms BJP, ECI as 'Bunti & Babli'

A day after the announcement of Jharkhand polls, the JMM called the BJP and ECI as 'Bunty & Babli,' (a takeaway from 2005 Bollywood flick) accusing them of selling democracy. According to JMM general secretary and spokesperson Supriyo Bhattacharya, the election in two Assembly constituencies falling in the same districts have purposely been scheduled on two different dates to influence the voters. "Banti and Babli of reel life in 2005 had sold Taj Mahal, but the new duo of BJP and ECI are up to selling democracy, he said.

SUVIDHA app to facilitate candidates

The Election Commission has created SUVIDHA app which can make the filing of nomination process simpler. The Suvidha portal is a 'single window system' developed by ECI to streamline the nomination process and requests for permissions from political parties and candidates during the election period. All applications seeking permissions are mandatorily disposed of within 24 hours. According to Chief Electoral Officer K Ravi Kumar, by complying with ECI guidelines, fair and peaceful voting can be ensured. Jharkhand will go to polls in two phases on November 13 and 20 with results on November 23.

INDIA bloc may firm up J'khand seat deal today

MUKESH RANJAN @Ranchi

THE INDIA bloc is said to have reached a consensus over seat sharing for Jharkhand Assembly polls. Sources said the JMM will get the maximum 43 seats, while Congress get 29, RJD five and CPI (M-L) four.

A final decision will be taken on Friday following a meeting of alliance partners, scheduled to take place at the residence of CM Hemant Soren. RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav and CPI (M-L) national general secretary Dipankar Bhattacharya will attend the meeting in Ranchi.

"A consensus has already been reached on seat sharing formula. An announcement is to be made after a meeting on Friday," said a party leader.

Congress state in-charge Ghulam Ahmed Mir, senior observer Tariq Anwar and party leaders will also be present during the meeting. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is also coming to Ranchi on Saturday. The JMM is expected to announce its candidates after the seat-sharing is finalised. The Congress, however, will wait for Gandhi's approval before releasing the list of candidates.

JMM sources claimed that names of 16 candidates have already been finalised, which includes Hemant and Kapana Soren and Basant Soren.

At NDA conclave, PM says committed to furthering growth, empowering poor

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

PM Narendra Modi on Thursday said the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) is committed to furthering national progress and empowering the poor and downtrodden.

Modi made the remarks as he chaired a meeting of NDA chief ministers and deputy CMs here, following the swearing-in ceremony of Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini and his ministerial colleagues in Panchkula. The meeting was attended by 17 CMs and 18 deputy CMs.

"We had extensive discussions on aspects of good governance and ways to improve people's lives. Our alliance is committed to furthering national progress and empowering the poor and downtrodden," Modi posted on 'X'.

Briefing reporters about the meeting, BJP president JP Nadda said the PM emphasised on good governance. "Endeavour should be made to pay attention to pro-people, proactive good governance (P2 G2)," Nadda said quoting the PM.

He said the meet discussed six resolutions and passed them unanimously. Nadda said a proposal was put forth by Home Minister Amit Shah on the 50 years of the imposition of Emergency. "Democracy was murdered in 1975 with Emergency. In 2025, we will discuss the murder of democracy. We will also expose those who murdered the Constitution. Another resolution by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was passed that we will celebrate 'Amrit Mahotsav' of the Constitution in 2025," said Nadda.

According to Nadda, the PM also said that it was a matter of happiness for all that the oath-taking ceremony in Jammu and Kashmir happened under the Constitution for the first time when the new government took charge on Wednesday.

Nadda said Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde presented the first resolution at the meet. "The way INDIA bloc tried to spread lies during Haryana polls has been given a befitting reply. The BJP got blessings from farmers, youth, sportspersons and common people. PM Modi was congratulated for this and people of Haryana were thanked for giving blessings," he said.

He said Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu talked about 'Atam Nirbhar Bharat', Digital India and $5-trillion economy.

MVA's Maha deal on 260 seats: Cong 115, Uddhav 85 & Sharad 75

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddav Thackeray

THE Maha Vikas Aghadi on Thursday finalised the deal for 260 seats out of the 288 in Maharashtra assembly while differences among the opposition alliance partners on remaining constituencies will be resolved soon, sources said.

MVA allies reached an agreement that the Congress after its impressive performance in Lok Sabha polls will contest 110 to 115 seats, Shiv Sena (UBT) 83 to 86 and NCP (SP) 72 to 75, leaders of the alliance said, adding that a deal will reached soon on contentious 20 to 25 seats.

"All the alliance partners are demanding these particular seats, therefore it is taking time to come to an agreement. We are working out a formula to the satisfaction of all while keeping winning chances in mind," said a senior member of the MVA who was part of the seat-sharing meeting. The meeting was attended by Maharashtra Congress president Nana Patole, party leader Balasaheb Thorat, Opposition leader Vijay Wadettiwar, NCP (SP) state president Jayant Patil, former home minister Anil Deshmukh and former minister Jitendra Ahwad and Shiv Sena (UBT)'s Sanjay Raut and MP Anil Desai.

"Two to three seats will be given to Samajwadi Party, Left parties will get two to three seats and the Peasants and Workers Party will get two to three seats in assembly polls," a senior Congress leader said, requesting anonymity. "In Mumbai and Konkan belt, Uddhav Thackeray is insisting on more number of seats as it is the bastion of Shiv Sena (UBT). Congress will contest more seats in Vidarbha while Sharad Pawar-led NCP (SP) will contest more seats in western Maharashtra. Each party will try to win more seats to claim the CM post," the leader said.

He added that the Congress parliamentary board held a meeting on Wednesday in Delhi where candidates for 60 seats were cleared.

BJP not keen on ties with smaller parties

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @Mumbai

UNLIKE the Lok Sabha elections, the BJP is not keen on tie-ups with smaller parties in Maharashtra assembly polls.

It has decided to go for the Haryana formula asking smaller parties to contest the state polls separately to divide the Opposition's votes, BJP sources said.

"Alliance with smaller parties has not paid us dividends in Lok Sabha polls. We took the support of Raj Thackeray-led MNS. We made an alliance with Mahadeo Jankar-led Rashtriya Samaj Party and gave it Parbhani Lok Sabha seat. But the strategy did not help us. We failed to transfer each other's votes while Maha Vikas Aghadi could transfer votes smoothly. As a result, MVA won 31 seats while BJP and allies won only 17 seats," a BJP leader said.

"The BJP top leadership decided to use the Haryana formula where smaller allies were asked to contest separately so that they could divide Opposition's votes," another BJP leader said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and others after the swearing-in ceremony of the new Haryana ministers on Thursday | PTI

BJP MAKES A MAHA VALMIKI JAYANTI POINT

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@New Delhi

WHEN the BJP postponed the swearing-in ceremony of the Nayab Singh Saini government in Haryana's Panchkula to Thursday, October 17, it had more than the availability of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the event in mind.

For, the day coincides with Valmiki Jayanti. The apparent message was to poll-bound Maharashtra and Jharkhand that the party is identified with Dalit and OBC voters, who have a significant presence in both states. Saini visited a Valmiki temple in Panchkula before taking his oath of office and secrecy. Earlier, the swearing-in ceremony was to take place on Tuesday, October 15.

The event drew thousands people from across the country, including chief ministers of 13 NDA-ruled states, 16 deputy CMs and ministers in the Central and state governments.

After the grand event, Modi chaired a meeting of NDA chief ministers and their deputies in Chandigarh. "We had extensive discussions on aspects of good governance and ways to improve people's lives. Our alliance is committed to furthering national progress and empowering the poor and downtrodden," Modi posted on X. This was the first such conclave of NDA CMs in years.

The get-together is part of the BJP's post-poll narrative to showcase NDA unity and resolve to collectively work for development. A BJP leader said the sequence of events pointed to a well-choreographed plan to focus on the marginalised communities in line with Modi's vision of *Sab ka saath, sab ka vikas*.

The BJP surprised pollsters by retaining power in Haryana for the third successive term.

Fourteen ministers take oath of office

As many as 14 ministers took their oath of office, including Nayab Singh Saini as chief minister. To maintain the caste balance, two ministers each were picked to represent the OBC, Brahmin, SC, Jat, and Yadav communities. Besides, one minister each represents the Punjabi, Rajput, Gujar and Vaishya communities in the new ministry

NDA allies happy at big victory

"We are very happy. This is the confidence people are having in PM Modi. That's why it is a big victory. Mood of the nation is very clear," TDP leader and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said. LJP leader and Union minister Chirag Paswan called the Haryana outcome unexpected and a historic victory in itself

'Dry' Bihar hooch tragedy toll 25, Oppn corners Nitish, questions ban

RAMASHANKAR @Patna

Grieving family members at Siwan village

DEATH toll in two separate hooch incidents in Bihar reached 25, with 19 more people losing their lives in the last 24 hours, officials of the districts concerned said on Thursday.

While 20 people have so far died in Siwan, five persons lost their lives in the neighbouring Saran district.

Bihar Director General of Police (DGP) Alok Raj confirmed the death of 25 people due to consumption of toxic substances in Siwan and Saran districts since October 15. Several others are undergoing treatment in different hospitals.

Talking to mediapersons after attending a high-level meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, the DGP said, "A special investigation team has been set up to conduct a thorough investigation. Those involved in such incidents will face sternest action under the law."

He, however, admitted lapses on the part of the district police. "We are trying to plug the loopholes that lead to such happenings," he said in response to a media query.

Earlier, Nitish directed the state police chief Alok Raj and the ADG, Prohibition, to personally monitor the situation in the two neighbouring districts. He instructed the authorities concerned to take stringent action against those involved in the illegal trade.

The incident came to light on Tuesday when one person died and two others fell ill after consuming illicit liquor at Ibrahimpur village in Masarakh of Saran district. On the same day, four people died in Maghar and Auriya panchayats in the Siwan district.

Initially, the district authorities tried to suppress the matter, but more people with complaints of loss of vision, vomiting, stomachache, nausea and headache reached the hospitals for treatment. Some of them who were in serious condition were referred to Patna Medical College and Hospital.

Blame game

Senior Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi slammed the NDA government, saying, "Liquor ban is in force in the state, but illegal trade of spurious liquor is rampant." RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav assailed the CM, claiming, "There is a so-called liquor ban in Bihar but due to nexus between ruling party leaders, police and mafia, liquor is available at every square and intersection."

Strategist-turned-activist Prashant Kishor claimed that the liquor ban is existing only in government files and speeches.

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	17	5	LR	Los Angeles	25	13	SNY
Colombo	32	27	SNY	Melbourne	23	13	LR
Dhaka	32	26	LR	Moscow	8	-1	SNY
Dubai	33	30	SNY	New York	19	8	SNY
Houston	25	18	SNY	Singapore	30	26	LR
Istanbul	17	9	SNY	Toronto	17	7	SNY
London	18	13	SNY	Washington	13	12	LR

Revenge achieved: Oct 7 mastermind killed

Hamas chief Yahya Sinwar was killed by Israeli soldiers in Gaza, his death paves the way for release of hostages

JERUSALEM

ISRAELI forces in Gaza killed Hamas' top leader Yahya Sinwar, a chief architect of last year's attack on Israel that sparked the war, the military said on Thursday. Troops appeared to have run across him unknowingly in a battle, only to discover afterwards that a body in the rubble was Israel's most wanted man.

Israeli leaders celebrated his killing as a settling of scores, just over a year after Hamas-led militants surged out of Gaza into southern Israel in an attack that stunned the country. They also presented it as a moment for Hamas to surrender and release some 100 hostages it still holds captive.

Still, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said, "Our war has not yet ended." Besides seeking the release of hostages, Netanyahu has said Israel must keep long-term control over Gaza to ensure Hamas does not rearm — opening the possibility of continued fighting. For Hamas, Sinwar's death is a crippling blow, but it has continually proven resilient during the war. There was no immediate confirmation from Hamas of Sinwar's death.

Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant addressed Hamas fighters, saying it "is time to go out, release the hostages, raise your hands, surrender." President Joe Biden called Sinwar's death a "good day for Israel, for the United States, and for the world," comparing it to the feeling in the U.S. after the killing of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. He said he would talk with Netanyahu "to discuss the pathway for bringing the hostages home to their families, and for ending this war once and for all."

Sinwar has been Hamas' top leader inside the Gaza Strip for years, closely connected to its military wing while dramatically building up its capabilities. He was elevated to Hamas' highest spot in July after his predecessor Ismail Haniyeh was killed in an apparent Israeli strike in the Iranian capital Tehran. In the past months, Israel has eliminated a string of senior figures from Hamas and Lebanon's Hezbollah with airstrikes. Israel has claimed to have killed the head of Hamas' military wing, Mohammed Deif, in an airstrike, but the group has said he survived. But in Sinwar's case, troops found him by chance.

An Israeli military official said that Sinwar "engaged in combat" with Israeli troops operating in Gaza's southernmost city of Rafah, and was spotted running into a building. The army struck the building with tank fire. The army had suspected a number of top Hamas officials including Sinwar were in the vicinity, but Sinwar was not the target of that day's specific operations, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity under military briefing rules. Visiting the site of the killing, Israel's army chief Herzi Halevi said that while the military had conducted "many special operations in this war where we had excellent information .... Here, we didn't have that and the response was very, very strong."

Photos circulating online showed the body of a man resembling Sinwar with a gaping head wound, dressed in a military-style vest, half buried in the rubble of a destroyed building. The security official confirmed the photos were taken by Israeli security officials at the scene.

The military said three militants were killed in the operation. Police said one of them was confirmed as Sinwar by dental records and fingerprints, and DNA tests were ongoing. Sinwar was imprisoned by Israel from the late 1980s until 2011, and during that time he underwent treatment for brain cancer – leaving Israeli authorities with extensive medical records.

Netanyahu said Israel had "settled its account" with the man behind the Oct. 7 attack. But he added, "Today evil has suffered a heavy blow, but the task before us is not yet complete."

He said it was an "important moment in the war" to bring home the hostages and that anyone in Hamas who surrendered weapons and assisted with hostage's return would be allowed to leave Gaza safely.

Israel launched its campaign in Gaza to eliminate Hamas after the militants stormed into southern Israel on Oct 7, 2023, killing some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducting around 250 others. Some 100 captives are still inside Gaza, about a third of whom are believed to be dead.

AP

File photo of Yahya Sinwar taken on April 13, 2022 | AP

French prez rebuked for his comments on Israel

Paris: Emmanuel Macron's comments that Israel owes its existence to a UN resolution have sparked unease in France, with the president given a furious rebuke by the upper house speaker but also facing disquiet from within his own ranks. The remarks attributed to Macron during a cabinet meeting on Tuesday that Israel needed to adhere to UN resolutions in its campaigns in Lebanon and Gaza as it was created by the world body have angered Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Lebanon's southern city of Tyre shows smoke billowing following an Israeli air strike on Thursday | AFP

India feels Canada doesn't take terror seriously: Trudeau

WASHINGTON: India believes that Canada doesn't take seriously violence or terrorism or incitement to hatred seriously, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said on Wednesday as he cited foundational responsibility for the Canadian government for not taking actions against those espousing violence and terrorism against a third country. Testifying before the public inquiry into foreign interference in federal electoral processes and democratic institutions, Trudeau said, "We have a charter that protects people's freedoms, people's freedom of expression, people's freedoms of political views, and that is not just a foundational principle of free democracies all around the world, but it's particularly important for Canada. That is a country to which people have come from every corner of the world in some cases choosing to leave their home country because of political disagreements or other reasons. So defending the rights of people to hold political views that may be unpopular in their home country is a foundational responsibility for any Canadian government." "It is also extremely important that people who come to this country from every corner of the world understand that they are free to hold the political beliefs that they choose to when you're in Canada,' he said. The Canadian government is seeking India's help to find out if the alleged interference and violence was done either by a rogue element or directed by someone higher up in the government. Trudeau had no definite answer when asked if the alleged interference was a rogue element or authorised by the responsible members of the Government of India. "I think that is an extremely important question and that is a question that actually we have been repeatedly asking the government of India to assist us on and to get to the bottom of the question of whether it is or could be rogue elements within the government or whether it was a more systemic, systematic endeavour for the government of India is exactly the kind of thing that for investigators here on the ground in Canada, it is somewhat removed from being able to uncover the internal machinations of the Indian government of who went wrong or who did this or who did that," Trudeau said. PTI

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOST OF DOCUMENT

I, **PAVAN KUMAR. V,** aged about 23 years, S/o. Venkataraju, residing at # 4/63, Dararapalli Village, Bagalur Post, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri Taluk, Tamilnadu-632103, I declare that, my original mother document, in respect of the immovable property bearing Survey No.44/1B, Patta No.312, situated at **Dararapalli Village, Bagalur Post, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri Taluk, Tamilnadu.** I have lost the above said original Mother Deed, vide registered as document No.16216/ 2014, Book-1, dated 13-11-2014, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Hosur, above said original document, while shifting the house. In this regard, I have lodged a police complaint, vide **GSC No. PO1796240601567, dated 17-10-2024.** If anybody finds it or traced it the same may be hand over the same to me.

PAVAN KUMAR. V,
4/63, Dararapalli Village, Bagalur Post, Hosur Taluk, Krishnagiri Taluk, Tamilnadu-632103. **Ph : 6382747013**

IN THE COURT OF THE XVII ADDL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS COURT AT BENGALURU (CCH-16)
P & SC No. 573 / 2023

Petitioner
Mr. Harclik Mahendra Harsora
S/o Mahendra Govindbhai Harsora, R/at No. 233, Shree Om Shakthi Nilayam, 2nd Floor, 2nd B Cross, Kasturinagar, Near BESCOM Office, Banaswadi, Bengaluru-560 043.
-NIL- ...RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the above named has been made petition to this court under section 372 of the Indian succession Act, 1925 for the grant of succession certificate in favour of the Petitioner, in respect of the schedule mentioned below. The schedule property was jointly owned by the Petitioner and his wife **Ms. Indumathi K,** who expired on 07.05.2023.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this Court in person or by Pleader duly instructed on **28.10.2024 at 11 AM** to show cause against the Petitioners failing which the case will be heard ex-parte.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that residential Apartment bearing no. H-1511 in fifteenth floor of 'H' block in Paradise at Brigade Cornerstone Utopia being built in Schedule B Property and measuring 482 Sq. Ft. of Carpet area (44.76 sq. Mtrs), 34 Sq. Ft. of Balcony area (3.15 Sq. Mtr) and 336 Sq. Ft. (31.21 Sq. Mtrs) of proportionate share in common areas such as external wall thickness, passage, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use, totally measuring 852 Sq. Ft. of Saleable area (79.12 Sq. Mtrs) approximately with 1 covered single car parking space and the apartment is **situated at Sy No. 172,183/6A,183/6B,183/7,183/8,183/9, 183/11 situated at Gunjur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East.**

Given under my hand & seal of this Court on this 27th day of September 2024. **By Order of the Court**
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Manu Shankar, Advocate,
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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL -II AT BANGALORE
Original Application No.1707/2023
Canara Bank, Girinagar Branch, ...Applicant
And
Sri E Sendhil & Another ...Defendants
SUMMONS /NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF RECOVERY OF DEBTS AND BANKRUPTCY ACT 1993, BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To, Defendants

1. Sri E Sendhil S/o. Late G. Elumalai, Proprietor of M/s. P.S.B. Distributors aged about 40 years, at: 19/1, Sadashiva Reddy Compound, Behind Baldwin School, R. M. Nagar, Banswadi Main Road, Bangalore - 560 043.

Also R/at : No. 10, 2nd Street, Shivan Chetty Garden, Near Shree Complex Bangalore North, Bangalore - 560 042.

2. Sri Bhaskara M., S/o. Sri Muralidhar Rao, Aged about 40 years, R/at No. 1534, 39th Cross, Mamata Nursing Home, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru - 560 041.

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993 against you for recovery of a sum of **Rs.2,27,30,490/-** (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Seven Lakhs Thirty Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Only) mentioned therein together with current and future interest and other reliefs. The above defendants are therefore, hereby directed to appear before the Tribunal in person or through an advocate or through authorised agents in support of their defense within 30 days from the date of publication or on **20.11.2024 at 10.30 am** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal, on this the **30.09.2024.**

Sd/- Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal -II Bangalore
Advocate for Applicant Bank
Mrs. Malini Vinay

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.58,36,376/- (Rupees Fifty Eight Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Six only)** as on **13-10-2024** together with further interest to be charged from **14-10-2024** onwards, other expenses and any other dues to the bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. Raghu Raman, S/o. Venkatesh.D, No.22, 1st P Main, Muniswarappa Block, Ganganagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560032. No.2) Mrs. Varalakshmi, W/o. Venkatesh.D, No.22, 1st P Main, Muniswarappa Block, Ganganagar, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560032. No.3) Mr. A.Ankith, S/o. Andanaiah, No.7/2, 1st Main Road, Aangamagai Behind Binny Mill, R T Nagar, Bangalore - 560032.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. Raghu Raman, S/o. Venkatesh.D)

All that Piece and Parcel of the Southern Portion of the Residential Property Bearing Survey No.88, Present BBMP Khatha No.59/88/1, No.D.A.516/2013-14, Earlier Portion of BBMP Khatha No.DA/271/2013-14, Situated at Chikkanahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Duly Converted From Agricultural to Residential Purpose Vide Converted Order No. ALN (NAY), SR.No.272 and 273/2007-08 converted by Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Bangalore, Measuring : Eastern Side : 165 Feet, Western Side : 170 Feet, Northern Side : 111.2 Feet, Southern Side : 111.8 Feet (165 + 170) Feet and (110 + 111.2) / 2 totally Measuring 18,592.5 Square Feet and Bounded on : East by : Remaining Property in the same Survey Number belongs to Sri. S. Raja and Others, West by : Remaining Property in the same Survey Number belongs to Sri. S. Raja and Others, North by : Road, South by : Government Rock.

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mr. Raghu Raman, S/o. Venkatesh.D)

(Description of Undivided Share in Schedule - A Property) Proportionate undivided Share of 241.5 Square Feet, in the Schedule - A Property According to Schedule - C and Total Super Built-up Area.

Schedule - C : (Property Owned by Mr. Raghu Raman, S/o. Venkatesh.D)

Residential Flat Bearing No.310, 3rd Floor, Having a Super Built-up Area of 1,050 Sq.Ft. of RCC Roofing, Consisting of Two Bedrooms, built with Bricks and Cement Walls, Vitrified Flooring, Wood Doors and Aluminum Framed Windows and provided with Separate Electricity, Water Supply and Sanitary lines from the common pipelines in the building known as OMEGA ASTER With one covered Car Parking in Stilt Floor.

Reserve Price : Rs.32,00,000/-
(Rupees Thirty Two Lakh only) (For Schedule : A, B & C)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
05-11-2024	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-R.T.Nagar Branch, No.590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No. 9342855177.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-R.T. Nagar Branch, No.590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No. 9342855177. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 15-10-2024 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

TENDER REF.No.F.3(5-541)-Plan/DHS/2024 **Dated, Agartala 08/10/2024**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) for development, operation and maintenance of a Multi-Disciplinary Super-Speciality Hospital, located at Agartala, Tripura under Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) Mode on Public Private Partnership (PPP)

A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) is hereby invited on behalf of the Government of Tripura for selection of Concessionaire for development, operation and maintenance of a Multi-Disciplinary Super-Speciality Hospital, located at Agartala, Tripura under Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer (DBFOT) Mode on Public Private Partnership (PPP).

The details of the REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) with the scope of the projects along with other details are made available on website **(www.tripuratenders.gov.in).**

The last date and time of online submission of the tender documents is 22/11/2024 up to 5:00 pm.

All future modification/corrigendum shall be made available in the e procurement portal, So bidders are requested to get the updates from the e procurement web portal only.

Sd/-
Director of Health Services
Govt. of Tripura, Agartala
I/C. Director Health Services
Government of Tripura.

ICA/C/2054/24

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client is desirous of purchasing the residential house property bearing Municipal No.12/7, Cambridge Road, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008, (BBMP PID No. 75-44-12/7), now being vacant site measuring east to west=51feet 6inches, and north to south=eastern side-65feet, western side-50feet in all measuring 2,961.25 sq. feet, which is detailed in the schedule hereunder, from i) Mr. JAVEED ULLA KHAN S/O Mr.J.Sana Ulla Khan, residing at No.2, J.K.Residency, Kumaraswamy Naidu Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-05, and ii) Mr.JAMEEL PASHA S/O late Khaleel Khan, residing at No.3, Kumaraswamy Naidu Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-05, who represent that they are the absolute owners of the said property by virtue of a registered Deed of Absolute Sale dt. 19-04-2024 executed by Mrs.GENEVIEVE J.ALBUQUERQUE also known as Mrs.GENEVIEVE JOSEPHINE ALBUQUERQUE, and Mrs.ANNE C.ALBUQUERQUE also known as Mrs.ANNE CAROLINE ALBUQUERQUE both daughters of Late Col.J.P.M.Noronha and Late Noela T.Noranha.

Any person/s asserting any right, title, or claim in the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the schedule property or the documents thereof or against the said owners or objections to intended sale in favour of our clients should write to the undersigned within 10 (TEN) days of the issuance of this public notice with all documentary proof on which they are asserting their right with regard to the schedule property or any part thereof and in the absence of which within such period, our client shall proceed to purchase on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential house property bearing Municipal No.12/7, Cambridge Road, Halasuru, Bengaluru - 560008, (BBMP PID No. 75-44-12/7), old Ward No.75, new Ward No.114, earlier building comprising of Ground Floor only measuring 1220 Sq. ft., now being vacant site measuring east to west=51feet 6inches, and north to south=eastern side-65feet, western side-50feet in all measuring 2,961.25 sq. feet, and bounded on the:- East by: 30feet wide society Road; West by: Property of Mrs.M.R.Pramilamma in Property No.11, present No.17; North by: Plot No. "W" then House No.12/8, (Old) New No.17; and South by: 25feet wide society Road which is continuous with the 25feet wide road formed in the Private Layout in Premises No.11, Cambridge Road.

G.P.MALATESH BABU,
L.Y.PREMAVATHI, Advocates,
No.98/2, Jogupalya Main Road, Halasuru, BENGALURU-08,
Ph: 9449013409/9448140983.
Date: 17-10-2024.

MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.
A.O. # 14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram, Bangalore - 560 020.
Phone: 080-23562229 / 9880453464

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Public Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 read with Proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002. Statutory 30 days Sale Notice under Rule 9(1) of the Sarfaesi Act 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., the Secured Creditor, will be sold on 'As is where is', 'As is what is' and 'Whatever there is' on **21.11.2024** for recovery of **Rs.26,51,903/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three Only) as on 14.10.2024** and future interest and other charges from 15.10.2024 due to the Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bengaluru-560020, the Secured Creditor from **Borrower(s) Sri. Nagaiah Alias Nagaraju, S/o Venkataiah,** Since Dead, to by legal heirs and also the **Guarantor(s): 1. Smt. Lakshmamma, W/o Nagaiah Alias Nagaraju, 2. Sri Chandraiah G.N. S/o Nagaiah Alias Nagaraju and 3. Sri Ravikumar S/o Nagaiah Alias Nagaraju,** all are resident at: No.-, Bananduru Dhakhale, Gollahalli Village-562109, Bidadi Hobli, Ward No. 17, Ramanagara District-562109.

Descriptions of the Property: All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Site No.152900402500302189, Khata No. 123/333/383/1, Bananduru Dhakhale, Situated at Gollahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli Ward No. 17, Ramanagara Taluku, Ramanagara District, **Measuring:** East to West 15 fts and North to South 35 fts, having a total extent of 525 square feets and **bounded on the: East by**: Passage(Sompalu), **West by**: Property of Doddasiddaiah, **North by**: Road, **South by**: Property of Ramachandraiah.

Reserve Price:	**Rs.23,20,000/-** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Twenty Thousand only)
Earnest Money Deposit (10% of Reserve Price):	**Rs.Rs.2,32,000/-** (Rupees Two Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Only)
Inspection of the Asset:	With Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer, on any working day Between 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM
Place of Auction and Contact Details:	**MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED** No. 14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram, BENGALURU-560020. Ph: 080-23562229, 23460419/ 9880453464 / 8549009966
Last Date and Time for submitting EMD	**Date: 20-11-2024 Before Time: 04.00 PM Through NEFT / RTGS**
Date and Time of Public Auction:	**21.11.2024 from 11.00 AM to 12.00 PM**
Nodal Bank & Accounts Details:	**A/c Name: Mahila Co-operative Bank Limited. A/c No.: 89390200000832 Bank Name: Bank of Baroda, Branch: Malleswaram, Bangalore. IFSC Code: BARB0VJMAWA**

For Detail Terms & Conditions of Sale Please Contact: A.O. # 14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram Bangalore - 560020. Phone: 080-23562229 / 9880453464 / 8549009966

Date: 18.10.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Mahila Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,**

The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
H.O, No.2, Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560018.
Phone 26677552, 26679041

POSSESSION NOTICE FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
[APPENDIX IV (RULE 8(1)]

Where as the undersigned being the authorised officer of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstructionof Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules. at The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers in the following accounts having failed to repay the amount, notice is here by given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in bellow in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said rules on the dates mentioned herein below. The borrowers in particular and the public in general is/are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Limited for amount and interest on & other charges.

Date of Possession: 14.10.2024

Name of the Borrower/Surety & Description of the Property Mortgaged	Amount outstanding
Applicant: Sri Liyakath Baig Surety: Sri Inayath Ulla Baig **All the piece and parcel of property bearing No.12, in Sy.No.30/9, present BBMP khatha No.30/9/12, situated at 2nd "A" Cross, Jalahalli, Muthyalanagar, Bangalore, earlier known as Jalahalli Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Old Ward No.2, BBMP Ward No.17, J.P.Park, Measuring East to West:30 Ft., and North to South:45 Ft., totally measuring 1350 Sq.Ft and bounded on the: East by: Private property No.13, West by: Property No.7 North by: Road. South by: PropertyNos.552 and 553.**	**53,49,130/- + Int. thereon 14.10.2024**

Amount paid if any by any of the above borrowers after issuance of Possession Notice, would be reckoned for ascertaining the dues payable at the time of realisation / settlement.

Sd/-
Authorised Officer,
The Grain Merchants' Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,
Bangalore -18

Place: Bangalore
Date: 14.10.2024

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Descriptions of the Property: All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing site No.752 registered in Khata No.752 in 5thStage of Layout formed by Kirloskar Electric Factory Employee House Building Co-op Society in Survey No.13 of Shidedahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Now comes under BBMP Ward No.14, Bengaluru. **Meeasuring:** East to West 40'-0"and North to South 30'-0"fts, having a total extent of 1200 square feets and **bounded on the**: **East by**: Road, **West by**: Road, North by: Site No.751, South by: Site No.753.

Reserve Price:	**Rs.1,59,00,000/-** (Rupees One Crore Fifty Nine Lakh only)
Earnest Money Deposit (10% of Reserve Price):	**Rs.Rs.15,90,000/-** (Rupees Fifteen Lakh Ninety Thousand Only)
Inspection of the Asset:	With Prior Appointment with Authorised Officer, on any working day Between 11.00 AM to 4.00 PM
Place of Auction and Contact Details:	**MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED** No. 14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram, BENGALURU-560020. Ph: 080-23562229 / 9880453464 / 8549009966
Last Date and Time for submitting EMD	**Date: 28-11-2024 Before Time: 04.00 PM Through NEFT / RTGS**
Date and Time of Public Auction:	**29.11.2024 from 11.00 AM to 12.00 PM**
Nodal Bank & Accounts Details:	**A/c Name: Mahila Co-operative Bank Limited. A/c No.: 89390200000832 Bank Name: Bank of Baroda, Branch: Malleswaram, Bangalore. IFSC Code: BARB0VJMAWA**

For Detail Terms & Conditions of Sale Please Contact: A.O. # 14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram Bangalore - 560 020. Phone: 080-23562229 / 9880453464 / 8549009966

Date: 18.10.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Mahila Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,**

Market Watch

MARKET				GOLD				SILVER				FOREX			
494.75 ↓	Sensex	81,006.61		₹220 ↑	24 carat (10 gm)	₹78,260		1 kg	₹97,000			Dollar	84.07		
221.45 ↓	Nifty	24,749.85		₹200 ↑	22 carat (10 gm)	₹71,750		10 gm	₹970			Euro	91.09		

Infosys Q2 net profit rises 5% to ₹6,506 cr

Revises FY25 revenue guidance from 3%-4% to 3.75% to 4.5%; company is planning a wage hike in Q4

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

IT services company Infosys has revised its FY25 revenue guidance from 3%-4% to 3.75% to 4.5% on the back of performance in Q2 and ramp up of mega deals pipeline. In the last eight quarters, this revision has been the seventh one, and the company has retained its margin guidance at 20%-22%.

The company on Thursday reported a 4.7% increase in its consolidated net profit at ₹6,506 crore for the quarter ended September 30, compared to ₹6,212 crore in the year-ago period. The Bengaluru-headquartered company met Street estimates and reported a 5% YoY growth in revenue from operations at ₹40,986 crore.

Its operating margin for Q2 stood at 21.1%, and total contract value (TCV) of large deal wins was $2.4 billion, 41% being net new.

At the post-results briefings, Salil Parekh, chief executive and managing director, said in financial services, they are seeing discretionary spends improving. "We see that continuing...in automotive, we are seeing slowness in Europe," he said. In April this year, the company acquired in-tech, an engineering R&D services provider, focused on the German automotive industry.

The chief executive added that in other verticals like retail, hi tech and telecom, "We still see discretionary spend budget is constrained and there is still much more emphasis on cost and efficiency." Also, Infosys Singapore Pte Ltd, wholly owned subsidiary of Infosys, acquired Blitz 24-893 SE, which was incorporated in August 2024, for Eur 1,35,000 including cash.

When asked about acquisitions, Jayesh Sanghrajka, CFO, told TNIE that "overall, our acquisitions have contributed well both organically as well as in terms of synergy over the years."

He also said the company is on track to onboard 15,000 to 20,000 freshers in FY25. "We will onboard all freshers that we committed in the past," he said. After about six quarters of headcount reduction, the company added 2,456 employees in the second quarter.

The company is also planning a wage hike in the fourth quarter of the current financial year and it will be in a phased manner with some part of it effective in January 2025 and the balance effective in April 2025.

The company also announced an interim dividend of ₹21 per share, fixed October 29, 2024 as a record date and November 8, 2024 as a payout date. Shares of Infosys ended 2.8% higher on Thursday at ₹1,974.55, ahead of the results announcement.

Infosys raises revenue guidance between 3.75% and 4.5% for FY25, higher than its earlier guidance of 3-4%

The upward revision comes on the back of a ramp-up of mega deal

Growth in earnings was led by manufacturing, energy and financial services

NUMBER IN POCKET

After six consecutive quarters of drop in employee strength, it added 2,500 employees on a net basis in Q2

ATTRITION RATE STOOD AT 12.9% VERSUS 12.7% QUARTER ON QUARTER

Infosys declared an interim dividend of ₹21 per share, and fixed October 29 as the record date and November 8 as the payout date

IN THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR, THE COMPANY HAD PAID A TOTAL DIVIDEND OF ₹46 PER SHARE. SHARES OF INFOSYS ENDED 2.8% HIGHER ON THURSDAY

LTIMindtree net profit rises 7.7% to ₹1,251 crore

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

LTIMindtree on Thursday reported a 7.7% increase in its consolidated net profit to ₹1,251 crore. The company had reported net profit of ₹1,161.8 crore in the year-ago period. Its revenue from operations in the second quarter stood at ₹9,432.9 crore, a 5.9% increase compared to ₹8,905.4 crore in the same quarter last year. Its operating margin (EBIT) stood at 15.5% in the September quarter.

"Q2 was a good quarter marked by broad-based sequential growth experienced across all our verticals and geos, helping us register a dollar growth of 2.8%. We had several multi-year deal closures, including a $200 million+ deal. Continued deal momentum in key verticals and significant Q2 hiring, including freshers, positions us well as we enter into the latter half of the fiscal year," said Debashis Chatterjee, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, LTIMindtree.

"As GenAI becomes pivotal in customer interactions, there is a noticeable trend of modernization efforts focusing on transforming the data estate. Our robust Data practice, combined with our innovative LTIMindtree AI platform, establishes us as a significant disruptor," he added.

The company has 742 active clients as of September 30, 2024. Its $5 million+ clients increased by 8 on a YoY basis.

In the second quarter, the company added 2,504 people and as of September 30, 2024, the total headcount stood at 84,438. Its trailing 12 months attrition was at 14.5%. The Board of Directors have approved an interim dividend of ₹20 per equity share of par value ₹1 each.

Q2 was a good qtr on sequential growth across verticals, reporting 2.8% $ growth

Debashis Chatterjee, CEO, LTIMindtree

Revenue from operation

Company's revenue from operations in the second quarter stood at ₹9,432.9 crore, a 5.9% increase compared to ₹8,905.4 crore in the same quarter last year

Wipro profit rises 21%; announces 1:1 bonus share issue

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

WIPRO on Thursday reported a 21.2% jump in its consolidated net profit for the September quarter to ₹3,208.8 crore compared to ₹2,646.3 crore in the same quarter last year. Its net profit beats Street estimates. The company's revenue for the second quarter stood at ₹22,301.6 crore, a 0.95% decline compared to ₹22,515.9 crore in the year-ago period.

Wipro also announced a bonus share issue in proportion of 1:1. IT services revenue grew 1.3% sequentially, and margin expanded 35 basis points Q0Q. Its large deal bookings stood at $1.5 billion, which is the highest in 10 quarters.

During the company's post-earnings conference, Srini Pallia, CEO and MD, said, "The long-term potential of our business is strong, and we're prepared to handle the current economic uncertainties. We continue to focus on our five strategic priorities and building a strong talent pool to capture AI opportunities."

Wipro's Capco business continued to see traction and grew 3.2% QoQ and 6.9% YoY. He said, "Americas 1 achieved sequential growth of 1.2%, driven by good performance in Healthcare, Technology and Communication sectors. Americas 2 also recorded sequential growth of 0.8%, supported by robust demand and strong execution in BFSI sector."

Manufacturing remained soft for the company, with a sequential decline of 2.0%. "We are seeing good progress with our consulting-led, industry solutions in the automotive manufacturing segment. There are also signs of uptick in demand in the industrial segment. We will focus on converting this into wins to revive growth in manufacturing," he said.

The company has trained and certified over 44,000 employees on advanced AI. The CEO announced that they have a significant number of employees actively using AI Developer tools across the company. The Bengaluru-headquartered IT major gave salary increase to its employees effective September 1.

NON-BANKING

RBI bars Asirvad MFI, Navi Fin, 2 other NBFCs

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

WITHIN a fortnight off issuing a stern warning and asking to them to behave, the RBI on Thursday took stringent regulatory action against four non-bank lenders and a micro finance player, citing material, supervisory breaches, and has asked them to cease and desist from sanctioning and disbursing loans effective October 21.

The lenders are the Chennai-based micro lender Asirvad Micro Finance, Kolkata- based micro lender Arohan Financial Services, and Delhi-based non-bank lender DMI Finance, and the Bengaluru-headquartered non-bank lender Navi Finserv, the central bank said in a notification Thursday.

Announcing the monetary policy on October 9, governor Shaktikanta Das had asked NBFCs to follow the 'compliance first' culture and also to behave. The RBI has been repeatedly flagging NBFC, MFIs and gold loan players in the past and has brought more or less complete parity in their regulations on par with commercial banks. Das warned them on October 9 when he had asked them to follow a 'compliance first culture' and has advised them to "self correct," else warning that the heavy hand of the regulator will be raised.

Hyundai public issue fully booked on final day, retail investors give IPO a miss

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE initial public offering (IPO) of Hyundai Motor India Ltd (HMIL) was fully subscribed on the final day of bidding on Thursday, thanks to the strong participation by qualified institutional buyers (QIBs) as retail investors decided to give the mega IPO a big miss. In total, Investors placed bids for 23.63 crore shares as against 9.97 crore shares on offer of the Rs 27,870-crore issue, the largest in India's capital market history.

The IPO was subscribed 2.37 times or 237% on the final day of its bidding. It was booked 42% on Day 2 and 18% on Day 1. The retail investors' portion, 35% of the total issue size, was booked just 50% in three days as the likelihood of no major listing gain and high valuation concerns kept this category away. The non-institutional investors' category was subscribed 60% of the portion allocated to them.

The qualified institutional buyers swooped in on the last day as their portion was subscribed 6.97 times. The portion for this category was subscribed 58% at the end of Day 2 of bidding. "Institutional investors participating on the last day in a common practice especially when other categories are showing no interest," said a senior analyst and market veteran requesting not to be named.

He added that retail investors gave a reality check to Hyundai and merchant bankers as nothing was left for them to make money from the IPO. "You can't take this category for granted. A firm like Hyundai raking in such low bidding numbers is kind of disappointing," the analyst stated. In the grey market, shares of HMIL were available at a discount of ₹20 on Thursday, indicating a negative listing gain of 1%. HMIL is selling its shares in the price band of Rs 1,865-1,960 apiece. At the top end of the price band, the IPO is valued at ₹27,870 crore with the company's market capitalisation estimated at approximately ₹1.6 lakh crore post-listing.

As per market experts, there are many factors why the IPO received a lukewarm response despite HMIL being one of the strongest brands in the Indian car market. Most analysts believe that valuation-wise, the issue is fully priced and leaves no room for investors to make money from listing. At the upper price band of ₹1,960, HMIL is available at a premium valuation of 26.7x P/E ratio based on FY25E post-issue annualised earnings per share (EPS).

Number of income taxpayers doubles in 10 years

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

CONTINUOUS efforts by the income tax department to increase taxpayer base have bore fruits with the number of income taxpayers doubling in the past 10 years even as direct collections have risen three times during the period.

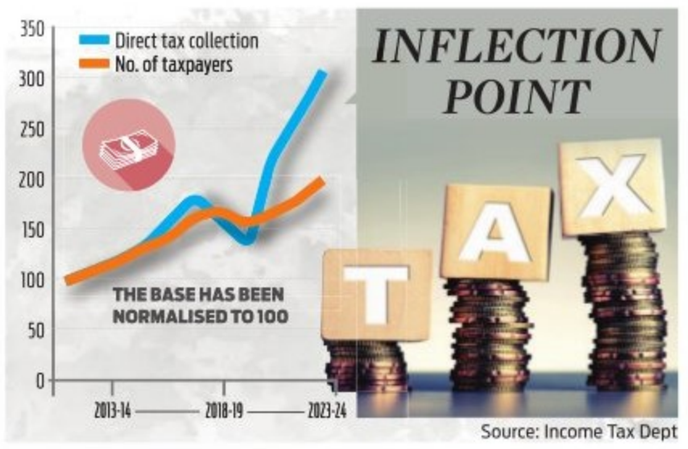
Data released by the income tax department shows total number of income taxpayers increased from 52.6 million in assessment year 2013-14 to 104.1 million in assessment year 2023-24. During the same period, direct tax collection has tripled from ₹6.38 lakh crore to ₹19.60 lakh crore.

According to the income tax department, a taxpayer is a person who either has filed a return of income for the relevant Assessment Year (AY) or in whose case tax has been deducted at source in the relevant financial year.

The income tax data also shows that tax buoyancy in 2023-24 is 2.12, which has shown sharp improvement from 1.16 in 2013-14. Tax buoyancy is arrived at by dividing growth rate of tax collection by the nominal GDP growth rate. A buoyancy of 2.12 means the growth in tax collection was more than double the nominal GDP growth rate in 2023-24.

Data also reveal that direct taxes as a percentage of total taxes collected by the Centre in 2023-24 has risen to 56.72% from 54.63% in the previous year. This is also the highest since 2009-10, when proportion of direct taxes was 60.78%. In 2013-14, direct taxes accounted for 56.32% of the total taxes collected by the Central government. Direct tax to GDP ratio in 2023-24 was 6.64%, which is highest in the last 25 years. The next best direct tax-to-GDP was recorded in 2007-08 at 6.3%.

Higher proportion of direct tax collection is considered better for an economy as indirect taxes such as GST are considered regressive as the rich and poor pay the same tax on goods and services they purchase.



Source: Income Tax Dept

Tax dept rationalises compounding procedures

NEW DELHI: The income tax department has rationalised and simplified compounding procedures against assesses. To facilitate compounding of offences by companies and HUFs, the requirement of main accused filing application has been dispensed with. The offences of the main accused as well as any or all co-accused can be compounded on payment of compounding charges by the main accused and/or any of the co-accused, under the revised guidelines. *ENS*

Motorcycle sales likely to be lower than expected this festive season

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

ALL seems to be not well for India's two-wheeler industry given a major player has trimmed sales growth expectations in the important festive season. Bajaj Auto Executive Director Rakesh Sharma said on Wednesday that so far motorcycle sales in the ongoing festive season are below expectations as demand is muted and the industry will be lucky if it sees 3-5% growth compared to last year.

"The responses in the motorcycle industry are a little bit muted in the sense that we thought that about 6 to 8% growth will be there in the festive period, but it is not that much. It is 1-2%, almost very similar to last year, same period," said Sharma. He added that due to muted growth in motorcycle sales, the overall growth prospects of the two-wheeler industry could be impacted for the full fiscal.

Following this commentary and the company's Q2FY25 earning that missed the street estimate, shares of Bajaj Auto shares crashed 13.11% on the NSE on Thursday to close at Rs 10,093.50. The stock was also the top laggard in the Nifty 50 pack which plummeted nearly 1% on Thursday.

BAL's low sales warning in the festive season also had a ripple impact on the shares of other two-wheeler manufacturers such as Hero MotoCorp and TVS Motor which fell by more than 3% each on Thursday. Nifty Auto index fell by 3.54% on Thursday's trade to 24,991.

Kotak Institutional Equities said in a note that contrary to their expectations, the festive season has started on a weaker note and they do see a downside risk to the domestic two-wheeler industry growth assumptions if demand trends do not see a pick-up during the Diwali festival.

When contacted, a couple of two-wheeler dealer showrooms in New Delhi said that sales have been pretty normal in the last few days. "We expect sales to pick up as Diwali approaches. I think lack of fresh models and growing demand for EVs is having some impact on motorcycle sales," said the owner of a Bajaj Auto dealer showroom.

Industry experts said Bajaj's commentary is surprising given the two-wheeler industry, including motorcycles, so far this fiscal have reported healthy growth. Two-wheeler sales grew by an impressive 16.3% in H1FY25 to 10,164,980 units. Of this, the motorcycle segment accounted for 6,407,887 units, registering a growth of 13% YoY.

"If motorcycle sales are growing at a slower pace than recent projections, it is a sign of concern. We will have to check how rural India is reacting, mainly consumers of the mass commuter segment," said an automobile expert at a consultancy firm.

Bajaj Auto's lower sales warning pulls shares down

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Founder says Byju's worth today is zero

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

BYJU Raveendran on Thursday said there is no fraud and if there were fraud, the founders would take money out, but "we have reinvested our money back into the company," the founder of edtech firm Byju's said at a press conference.

Calling for rebuilding the edtech firm, "Today, Byju's is worth zero. We have lost the confidence of the investors," he said, acknowledging the difficult period of the company.

Raveendran, speaking to journalists from his residence in Dubai, said investors were asking for a change in management without a plan. Last month, the Supreme Court reserved its verdict and directed the Insolvency Resolution Professional (IRP) of edtech firm Byju's to maintain the status quo and not hold any meeting of the Committee of Creditors. Byju's US-based creditor Glas Trust Company had filed an appeal against the judgment of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) that allowed the edtech firm to pay ₹158 crore settlement to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Raveendran said since the end of 2021, the only people who have been putting money in the company are us. He acknowledged that they overestimated the potential growth and entered a lot of markets together.

Q2FY25 RESULTS

IoB net profit up 24% to ₹777 cr on biz growth

NEW DELHI: Chennai-based public sector lender Indian Overseas Bank on Thursday reported a 24.32% growth in net income at ₹777 crore in the September quarter, driven by strong business growth and asset quality improvement along with strong growth across key financial metrics.

Total income increased by 22.34% to ₹8,484 crore of which the key interest income grew 17.69% to ₹6,851 crore and the non-interest income clipped at 46.59% to ₹1,633 crore. This gave the bank a net interest margin of 3.08% for the quarter. Reporting a massive improvement in asset quality, the bank said its gross NPAs nearly halved to or decreased by 202 bps to 2.72% . *ENS*

Nestle profit marginally down to ₹899.49 crore

NEW DELHI: FMCG major Nestle India Ltd on Thursday reported a marginal decline of 0.94% in its net profit at ₹899.49 crore for the second quarter that ending September 2024 as some of its key brands faced softer consumer demand and high commodity prices. The company had posted a net profit of ₹908.08 crore in the same period a year ago, according to a regulatory filing from Nestle India. However, its revenue from the sale of products was up 1.3% to ₹5,074.76 crore in the September quarter. *ENS*

Central Bank of India profit up 51% to ₹913 cr

NEW DELHI: State-owned Central Bank of India on Thursday posted a 51% jump in profit at ₹913 crore in the second quarter ended September 2024.

The lender had earned a net profit of ₹605 crore in the same quarter a year ago. Total income rose to ₹9,849 crore during the quarter under review, as against ₹8,412 crore in the same period last year, Central Bank of India said in a regulatory filing. Net interest income rose to ₹3,410 crore in the latest July-September quarter as against ₹3,028 crore in the corresponding period a year ago. It earned an interest income of ₹8,203 crore during the quarter, as against ₹7,351 crore in the year-ago quarter. *ENS*

Kaur retained as India captain for NZ ODIs

Harmanpreet Kaur was retained as India captain for the three Women's ODIs against New Zealand starting October 24. **Squad:** Harmanpreet Kaur (C), Smriti Mandhana (VC), Shafali Verma, D Hemalatha, Deepti Sharma, Jemimah Rodrigues, Yastika Bhatia (wk), Uma Chetry (wk), Sayali Satgare, Arundhati Reddy, Renuka Singh Thakur, Tejal Hasabnis, Saima Thakor, Priya Mishra, Radha Yadav, Shreyanka Patil.

Captain takes responsibility as India get bowled out for 46 in the first innings

'HURT' ROHIT ADMITS MISJUDGEMENT OF CONDITIONS

INDIA'S LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS

36	Australia Adelaide 2020
42	England Lord's 1974
46	New Zealand Bengaluru 2024
58	Australia Brisbane 1947
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INDIA'S LOWEST INNINGS TOTALS IN INDIA

46	New Zealand Bengaluru 2024
75	West Indies Delhi 1987
76	S Africa Ahmedabad 2008
83	England Chennai 1977
83	New Zealand Mohali 1999

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46	India Bengaluru 2024
62	New Zealand Mumbai 2021
75	India Delhi 1987

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Bengaluru

MINUTES after one of the worst days of Rohit Sharma's reign as Test captain, it was revealed that the captain would himself be addressing the press. Usually, the captain and chief coach appear only before and/or after the match. So, this was a significant deviation. Sharma then revealed that he was 'hurting' as he was the one who had made the 'judgment' to bat first. He also explained the thought process behind Virat Kohli at No. 3. Excerpts:

On reading conditions

You try and make the judgement. Sometimes you make the right call, sometimes you don't. I was on the other side of it this time around. I am hurting a little bit because I made that call. But for us as a team, I think these are the challenges. So what if we put ourselves under pressure a little bit? We want to play well. That is the reason we play this game. We want to challenge ourselves. This time around, it didn't come off. The challenge that was thrown at us, we didn't respond well. We found ourselves in a situation where we got bowled out for 46 runs. As a captain, it definitely hurts to see that number. In 365 days, you will make two or three bad calls. That is absolutely fine, I guess.

On batting first

We felt there was no grass on the surface. We thought it will do whatever it has to do in the first couple of sessions and then it is going to take turn as the game goes on. The first session is always critical and then the wicket tends to settle down and the spinners come into the play. And Kuldeep (Yadav) is somebody who has bowled well on flat surfaces and he has picked up wickets. We expected the pitch to be a little flatter than what it turned out to be. So, clearly a misjudgment of the pitch. Obviously, I didn't read the pitch well enough. I'm hurting because I was the one who made that call (to bat).

On Kohli at No. 3

The experienced players are the ones who have to take that extra responsibility. This time, it was Virat. We asked him whether he can bat at No. 3, he was ready. We wanted to give Sarfaraz the position that he usually bats, 4, 5, 6 maybe. But we didn't want to change Rishabh (Pant) and KL Rahul. Hence, Sarfaraz went at No. 4 and Virat was at No. 3.

On Pant's knee

Unfortunately, the ball hit straight on his knee cap, the same leg which he has done a surgery. So, he has got a little bit of swelling on it and the muscles are quite tender at this point of time. We do not want to take a risk. Rishabh does not want to take a risk because he has gone through a massive surgery on that leg. So, that was the reason for him to go inside. Hopefully, tonight he can recover and we will see him back on the field tomorrow (Friday).

On the way forward

I think for us to stay in the game, we have got to not let them get away with way too many runs. Clearly, they are (at) 170-180 runs. So that is about 140 runs (lead). So as less as possible, wickets seem to be settling down a little bit. So we expect the pitch to play like that. We have got a bat really big in the second innings and try and see if we can make a game out of that.

Dropped catches at Dubai: Coach George explains why

TNIE @ WOMEN'S WORLD CUP
KALYANI MANGALE
DUBAI

THE last two group matches of the ongoing T20 World Cup at the Dubai International Stadium were vital for more than one reason. It had a future of six teams in the World Cup depending on the result of that match. However, for the fans watching from the stadium or their homes, the two matches will be remembered for the amount of dropped catches they witnessed. Whether it was Pakistan or England, both teams that eventually could not make it to the semifinals, were the culprits for dropping as many as six catches each. The Sharjah Cricket Stadium, the other venue of the tournament, has also witnessed many dropped catches, but it has not been as bad as the Dubai Stadium.

Biju George, former India fielding coach, knows a thing or two not just about catching or fielding, but also about the venue. "When you are in Dubai, under those lights for a fraction of a second, the ball is lost to you," George told this daily. "I have worked at that ground during the IPL season after the Covid-19 pandemic with Sunrisers Hyderabad and during the Dubai International League T20 (ILT20), it was very tough. Catching, especially, in Dubai has always been tricky. You need to take a lot of catches in practice. If you see the ball, eventually, it's going to come down, but you need to be ready. Taking many catches is the only way to be prepared," he added.

George explained with an example of how New Zealand captain Sophie Devine managed to take a few catches at the venue against India. "One of the best fielders in the world is Devine and when she took a catch against India at Dubai International Stadium she was surprised. She must have thought that she must have lost it. The basic thing is to keep your eyes on the ball for as long as possible and hold them to dear life. Nothing else," George simplified it.

From the coaching point of view, George has only one solution for venues like these. Whenever you get the light tower at the practice facilities, practice facing the light. "One of the ways you can practice for the catches is at the venues where you have light towers. You can take a lot of catches coming from the tower light. When it is lost in the light for a second but again, you are going to need a lot of practice. When you are fielding at Sharjah, it seems like the ball is coming through a bit quickly. It's all about doing the right thing. From the coaching point of view, they need to take a lot of catches from all angles and at different velocities, involving different trajectories. You have to do everything in practice that you would in a match. Probably because you tend to relax a bit early when it is an easy opportunity, but unless it's taken, it's not a catch," he said. While UAE has been hot even in the evening, George believes it cannot be the reason for teams to justify the bad fielding efforts. "The heat has been the same for all teams, isn't it? The players need to be fit to not let that affect them. Teams cannot hope and pray that suddenly players will become fit for the tournament. Fitness standards need to be there along with protocols and they need to be adhered to very tightly," he added.

With the final of the tournament still awaiting at the venue, it will be interesting to see if the remaining teams take the leaf out of George's book to succeed in the competition.

South Africa's Anneke Bosch and Chloe Tryon celebrate the winning moment | AFP

Bosch bosses Oz; SA in WC final

When South Africa captain Laura Wolvaardt won the toss and opted to bowl first against Australia, it was signs of what was to come. From that moment till Chloe Tryon lifted Anneke Bosch to celebrate their second consecutive T20 World Cup final qualification, everything South Africa touched turned into gold. Grace Harris departed early in the innings as Ayabonga Khaka struck with her first ball of the game. Georgia Wareham, batting at three, didn't last long either. With stand-in captain Tahlia McGrath putting together a partnership with Beth Mooney, there was some hope. However, it wasn't to be as Australia could only manage 134/5 which Bosch (74 n.o) and South Africa chased down with ease.
Brief scores: Australia: 134/5 in 20 ovs (Mooney 44; Khaka 2/24) **lost to** SA 135/2 in 17.2 ovs (Bosch 74 n.o, Wolvaardt 42; Sutherland 2/26).

Lanky William O'Roars to life on spicy deck

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@ Bengaluru

A TALL seamer from New Zealand? Check. Overcast conditions? Check. Disconcerting bounce? Check. Canterbury? Check. High release point? Check. There are endless similarities between Kyle Jamieson and William O'Rourke and some of those similarities played itself out in a fairly predictable manner on the second day of the first Test between India and New Zealand.

Bowlers with high release points can have a natural advantage because of the bounce they extract from decks. That sort of natural advantage has led to some tame Indian batting performances, especially in the recent past. Because of some disconcerting bounce, even from just short of a good length area or from a good length area, batters are forced to recalibrate their way of thinking. Jamieson had shown the benefits of what a tall bowler can do, especially in helpful conditions, at Southampton during the final of the World Test Championship in 2021. In that Test, Jamieson finished with figures of 7/61.

O'Rourke didn't get the fifer but his first Test wicket in Indian soil exposed the soft underbelly that is India's middle-order in tricky conditions. Matt Henry and O'Rourke didn't need a second invitation to twist the knife.

The plan was in motion as soon as Tim Southee dismissed Rohit Sharma with a banana inswinger. Virat Kohli, susceptible to the forward press from time to time, was done in by an O'Rourke delivery which bounced more than expected from a short of a good length area. While Matt Henry, who picked up a fifer, didn't directly talk about this wicket, he referenced O'Rourke's height (6'4"). "His height is the x-factor, isn't it," he said. "He gets a lot of bounce and he uses that height at the crease as well. He gets a steep bounce as well from a quite a full length area, making it really uncomfortable, especially with the ball coming into the right-hander."

Height was also referenced by Jeremy Curwin, Canterbury's CEO. "His height is definitely an advantage and an asset but the coaches identified he had huge potential through his action, natural ability and attitude," he told this daily. "He moved to Canterbury from Auckland three seasons ago and only got his first professional contract two seasons ago so it's been a whirlwind development."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

SCOREBOARD

India 1st innings: Jaiswal c Patel b O'Rourke 13, Sharma b Southee 2, Kohli c Phillips b O'Rourke 0, Sarfaraz c Conway b Henry 0, Pant c Latham b Henry 20, Rahul c Blundell b O'Rourke 0, Jadeja c Patel b Henry 0, Ashwin c Phillips b Henry 0, Kuldeep c sub b Henry 2, Bumrah c Henry b O'Rourke 1, Siraj not out 4; **Extras:** 4 (lb-1, nb-1, w-2); **Total:** (all out in 31.2 overs) 46; **FoW:** 1-9, 2-9, 3-10, 4-31, 5-33, 6-34, 7-34, 8-39, 9-40; **Bowling:** Southee 6-4-8-1, Henry 13.2-3-15-5, O'Rourke 12-6-22-4. **New Zealand 1st innings:** Latham lbw b Kuldeep 15, Conway b Ashwin 91, Young c Kuldeep b Jadeja 33, Rachin batting 22, Mitchell batting 14; **Extras:** (b-4, lb-1) 5; **Total:** (3 wkts in 50 overs) 180; **FoW:** 1-67, 2-142, 3-154; **Bowling:** Bumrah 10-4-23-0, Siraj 7-1-21-0, Ashwin 11-1-46-1, Kuldeep 12-1-57-1, Jadeja 10-0-28-1.

UNDERDOGS VS DARK HORSES

2016 T20 World Cup Champions West Indies will face New Zealand in the second semifinal at Sharjah Cricket Ground on Friday. A look...

New Zealand vs West Indies, Sharjah, Live on Star Sports & Hotstar, 7.30 PM

Different paths to semis

While New Zealand defeated India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan to make it to the semi-final as they won three matches out of four, West Indies' path was little elaborate as Hayley Matthews' side tied with England and South Africa for three wins each and made it to the semis on the basis of better net run rate.

Hitting big or defending?

While West Indies have been the only side to hit more than four sixes in the tournament and it has fetched them many runs. New Zealand on the other hand got away with scoring below-par team score in the first innings against Pakistan as their bowlers came to the party. Both teams have designated hitters so it will be interesting to see how they go about it.

Birthday boy Wilmar powers Chennaiyin FC

ENS/AGENCIES @ Guwahati

IT'S still a nascent stage of the ongoing ISL season but Chennaiyin have been good on the road so far. That was the case on Thursday as they posted their second victory in three away matches. The Chennai-based club beat NorthEast United FC 3-2 in Guwahati on the day. It was an unforgettable outing for Wilmar Jordan Gil, who was celebrating his 33rd birthday. The Colombian marked the occasion with a brace. That proved to be the difference for Chennaiyin, who eventually finished the match with 10 men on the field.

Before Wilmar came to the fore, it was the home side who had taken the lead in the fifth minute through Nestor Albiach. Wilmar equalised for the visitors in the 25th minute before Lukas Pivetta Brambilla had handed Chennaiyin the lead. Jordan doubled his tally early on in the second-half.

Alaeddine Ajaraie reduced Chennaiyin's, who were down to 10 men in the 83rd minute after a red card for defender Laldinliana Renthlei, lead in the dying minutes but that was not enough for NorthEast. Having gained three points, Chennaiyin moved to fifth place in the points table.

Draft Bill: Concerns over NSF autonomy main point in meet

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

THE meeting between the sports ministry and the stakeholders to discuss the nuances of the Draft National Sports Governance Bill 2024 went off peacefully despite certain provisions in the draft seemingly infringing on the autonomy of National Olympic Committee (NOC) and the National Sports Federations (NSFs).

Though there were voices here and there on the autonomy issue, it was Indian Olympic Association president PT Usha who raised concerns about the lack of clarity of State Olympic Associations' role. The draft Bill states NSFs should give affiliation to sports associations from state to district level, but it is silent on SOAs. It is not clear whether they should be affiliated to the IOA and the Sports Regulatory Body (SRB) like the NSFs and regional sports federations (RSFs). The meeting, chaired by sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya, saw veteran sports administrators assemble as well. Full story: newindianexpress.com

WC Finals: Vivaan & Anantjeet medal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

SHOTGUN shooters, Vivaan Kapoor and Anantjeet Singh Naruka, stepped up to add two medals to India's kitty on the final day of the ISSF World Cup Finals here on Thursday.

Vivaan captured a silver medal in the men's trap with a tally of 44 while Anantjeet, who was part of the Paris Olympics, returned with a bronze medal around his neck in the men's skeet event. "It was all God's grace and my coach's (former world champion Khaled Al-Mudhaf of Kuwait) efforts," Vivaan said after the final.

Apart from shooting and the medals on the day, the other thing that's common between the two is both of them hail from Jaipur. The duo's effort took India's medal tally to four. India finished ninth in the medal standings. China finished as toppers with five gold and three bronze. Italy (1 G, 3 S, 1 B) and Germany (1 G, 2 S) finished as second and third, respectively.

One of five gold medallists from China was Qi Ying, the Paris silver medallist, who topped the men's trap event. Tuncer N Tolga of Turkey won bronze. Meanwhile, Italians Tammaro Cssandro and Gabriele Rossetti finished one-two in the men's skeet event.

Ranji: Jose, Karnataka ready to take on upbeat Kerala

GOMESH S @ Chennai

SJ NIKIN Jose is a happy lad. Why wouldn't he be? He kickstarted the Ranji Trophy for Karnataka with a gritty 99 that saved the day in the rain-affected contest against Madhya Pradesh in Indore.

While missing out on the century did sting a bit, the youngster is pleased with the way things have gone this season so far. "Yeah, it would have been better if I had got that one run there. But nevertheless, it's good to see how the team is shaping up and on a personal note, I'm really happy that I got a great start," opener Jose told this daily on Thursday.

If starting the season on a positive note was one thing, Jose is even happier about his new role with the state. Having made his first-class debut in 2022, Jose was largely batting at No 3 or 4. A couple of weeks before the Ranji Trophy began, the youngster was told that he would be opening the batting this season. Jose did not have any second thoughts. If anything, he was thrilled.

After all, he has been an opener throughout his life. From U16 to U23, Jose opened the batting for Karnataka, but when he broke into the senior side, the spot available was in the middle-order. He did his part, scoring runs for the team wherever he batted and when the chance to open came along, he took it with both hands.

Key fixtures

Group A: At Cuttack: Odisha vs J&K; **Group B:** At Ahmedabad: Gujarat vs Andhra; At Dehradun: Uttarakhand vs Hyderabad; At Puducherry: Puducherry vs Vidarbha, **Group C:** At Alur: Karnataka vs Kerala, **Group D:** At Delhi: Delhi vs Tamil Nadu

"When I heard the news that I'll have to open, I was really delighted because every batter likes to face and play with the new ball because it's hard. I know it is difficult to be an opener but at the same time, once you get your eye in, opening is the best place to bat. Initially, it's just about you see those ten overs through and then you're good to go for the entire day," said Jose.

Karnataka are getting ready to take on Kerala, who is coming on the back of a victory against Punjab, in Alur on Friday. Led by Sachin Baby, Kerala are strengthened by the return of Sanju Samson, but Jose and Karnataka are not worried. "Whether we play Kerala or Mumbai, it doesn't matter as long as we're doing the things that are in our control and focussing on the things that are achievable. Taking it one session at a time, keeping things in a very disciplined manner, keeping things simple and hoping for the best," Jose said.

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EXPRESS READ

Sindhu in Denmark Open quarterfinals

ODENSE: Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu overcame a sluggish start to defeat World No 7 Han Yue of China in a thrilling encounter, progressing to the quarterfinals of the Denmark Open Super 750 badminton tournament on Thursday. The Indian shuttler won 18-21, 21-12, 21-16 in a second-round contest that lasted 63 minutes.

Kherdekar makes right moves to win title

MUMBAI: Mumbai's Arnav Kherdekar emerged champion in All India FIDE Rating Open Chess Tournament. Kherdekar & IM Vikramaditya Kulkarni finished with 7.5 each at the end of the eighth & final round. Kherdekar, with a better progressive tie-breaker score of 41.25 compared to Kulkarni's 36.75, was declared winner.

Titans host Bulls in PKL opener today

HYDERABAD: Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) will make its return to the mat on Friday when the Telugu Titans host Bengaluru Bulls at the GMCB Indoor Stadium, Gachibowli in Hyderabad. The 11th season of the PKL will be held on a three-city format with Hyderabad hosting the first leg from Friday to November 9.

Amazon announced significant investments in nuclear energy on Wednesday, joining other tech giants in aiming to meet the high electric power demands of artificial intelligence using atomic energy

INDIA MOBILE CONGRESS 2024

KEY PRODUCT LAUNCHES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RAKESH KUMAR @New Delhi

THE India Mobile Congress 2024, being held from October 15-18 in New Delhi, has provided an exciting platform for showcasing groundbreaking innovations in the telecom and AI sectors. The four-day event has featured several significant product launches and announcements from leading industry players. During the event, telecom giant Reliance Jio unveiled its latest lineup of smartphones boasting advanced features and competitive pricing, while Xiaomi also introduced new models in its popular smartphone series, aiming to cater to a diverse range of consumer segments.

Jio launches affordable phone

Reliance Jio unveiled the JioBharat V3 and V4, the latest additions to its lineup of affordable 4G feature phones, at the India Mobile Congress 2024. Priced at just 1,099, these devices come with a monthly recharge plan of 123, offering unlimited voice calls and 14 GB of data. Jio claims the JioBharat subscription can save users nearly 40% compared to competing services. Equipped with a 1000 mAh battery, the phones ensure uninterrupted use throughout the day. With a generous storage capacity of 128 GB, the JioBharat phones support 23 Indian languages, catering to a diverse user base. Both models, V3 and V4, are packed with a range of exclusive Jio services, including JioTV, JioCinema, JioPay, and JioChat. JioTV provides access to over 455 live TV channels, featuring a variety of shows, news, and sports content. JioCinema offers an extensive selection of movies, videos, and sports programming. JioPay, integrated with UPI and featuring a built-in sound box, simplifies digital payments, enhancing financial inclusion. JioChat enables users to connect with loved ones through unlimited voice messaging, photo sharing, and group chat options. The JioBharat models will soon be available in physical mobile shops as well as on JioMart and Amazon.

Xiaomi announces affordable 5G smartphone: the Redmi A4

Xiaomi has officially announced its latest 5G smartphone, the Redmi A4, priced under ₹10,000. Powered by the Qualcomm Snapdragon 4s Gen 2 chipset, the Redmi A4 aims to deliver enhanced connectivity and performance to budget-conscious consumers. Qualcomm emphasized the significance of this launch, stating that it marks a major milestone in their collaboration with Xiaomi and is set to redefine the entry-level smartphone experience in India. The Redmi A4 will deliver improved 5G connectivity to millions, aiding in India's transition to fifth-generation technology. The Redmi A4 promises optimised power efficiency, faster connectivity, and an enhanced user experience, aligning with India's growing demand for affordable 5G devices. Although the exact launch date has not been disclosed, Xiaomi plans to roll out the device soon.

Designed exclusively for the Indian market, the Redmi A4 embodies Xiaomi's vision of "5G for Everyone," helping to bridge the digital divide. The company aims to accelerate India's shift to 5G, offering an enhanced entry-level smartphone experience. Muralikrishnan B, President of Xiaomi India, noted that 5G technology will play a crucial role in their goal of selling 700 million devices over the next decade. Savi Soin, senior vice-president and president of Qualcomm India, remarked that access to 5G will be a key factor in achieving Viksit Bharat. The Snapdragon 4s Gen 2 was designed to empower consumers to fully enjoy the benefits of 5G connectivity. Qualcomm is thrilled to partner with Xiaomi in bringing affordable 5G devices to a wider audience.

The Redmi A4 is set to make waves in the budget smartphone market, making advanced technology accessible to more consumers across India.

COMPANIES WITH AI-LED PROCESSES OUTPERFORM PEERS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

THE number of companies that have fully modernised AI-led processes and have achieved intelligent operations has almost doubled from 9% in 2023 to 16% in 2024. Compared to peers, these organisations achieve 2.5x higher revenue growth, 2.4x greater productivity, and 3.3x greater success at scaling generative AI use cases, reveals new research from Accenture.

It highlights that 79% organisations in India have seen investments in generative AI or exceed expectations, with 64% planning to increase their efforts and further strengthen these capabilities by 2026. The report titled 'Reinventing Enterprise Operations with Gen AI', reveals that these 'reinvention-ready' companies are moving faster and are amplifying the impact of generative AI across the business.

These firms have already developed generative AI use cases in finance (76%), IT & security (65%), customer service (63%), and other core functions.

"Most executives understand the urgency of reinventing with generative AI, but in many cases their enterprise operations are not ready to support large-scale transformation," said Arundhati Chakraborty, group chief executive of Accenture Operations.

"Generative AI is more than technology. It is a driver of a mindset change that impacts the entire enterprise. It requires organisations to have a strong digital core, data strategy, and a well-defined roadmap to change the way they operate. Additionally, an end-to-end perspective leveraging talent, leading practices and effective collaboration between business and technology teams is essential for intelligent operations," Chakraborty said.

The report highlights four key actions business leaders should take to advance their operations maturity:

1. Implement a centralised data governance and domain-centric approach to data modernisation
2. Embrace a talent-first reinvention strategy. Reinvent work and rethink processes and entire workflows to gain a clear view of where generative AI can have the most impact in serving customers, supporting people and achieving business outcomes
3. Ensure business and tech teams co-own reinvention. Collaboration drives innovation as both teams jointly own how assets, platforms and products are developed to leverage the full capabilities of generative AI, enterprise wide
4. Adopt leading processes to drive business outcomes. Apply cloud-based process mining to calibrate internal and external benchmarks so it's easier to visualise process gaps and get clear insights into operational inefficiencies or opportunities for improvement

ASIA MATTERS

Samsung's much-awaited Galaxy Ring launched in India

India's largest consumer electronics brand Samsung has launched the highly anticipated Galaxy Ring, a wearable device "designed to enhance digital health" through personalised insights. The company said this innovative device goes beyond simple monitoring to offer valuable guidance for healthier lifestyles, featuring advanced sensors that help users manage their health goals. The Galaxy Ring is designed for 24/7 use, available in nine sizes and weighs just 2.3 grams for 'size 5', ensuring comfort for all-day wear. With a titanium finish, it is IP68 water- and dust-resistant, capable of withstanding depths of up to 100 meters. The device provides up to 7 days of battery life and comes with a unique charging case resembling a jewelry box. Powered by Samsung's "Health AI," the Galaxy Ring offers real-time insights and features best-in-class sleep analysis, heart rate monitoring, and workout detection. Users can also enjoy gesture controls to take photos or dismiss alarms.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

EDELWEISS ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED

CIN: U67100MH2007PLC174759

Retail Central & Regd. Office: Edelweiss House, Off CST Road, Kalina, Mumbai 400098

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE SECURED ASSETS UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6) & 9(1) OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002 ("RULES")

That Varthana Finance Private Limited hereinafter referred as (VFPL) has assigned the financial assets to Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited on its own /acting in its capacity as trustee of **EARC-TRUST-SC-467** (hereinafter referred as **"EARC"**) pursuant to the Assignment Agreement dated 28-03-2024 under Sec.5 of SARFAESI Act, 2002. EARC has stepped into the shoes of the VFPL and all the rights, title and interests of VFPL with respect to the financial assets along with underlying security interests, guarantees, pledges have vested in EARC in respect of the financial assistance availed by the Borrower(s) and EARC exercises all its rights as the secured creditor.

Notice of 30 days is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable secured assets mortgaged in favor of the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer (AO) and will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis, for recovery of the amounts mentioned herein below due to EARC together with further interest and other expenses/costs thereon deducted for any money received by EARC from Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are mentioned below for the property.

DETAILS OF SECURED ASSET PUT FOR E-AUCTION:

Loan Account No/Selling Institution	Borrower /Co-borrower/ Guarantor/Mortgagor name	Trust Name	Name of Bank & Branch, Account Number & IFSC Code	Total Outstanding Dues INR as on 07-10-2024
S18BLR-BLR-003499 VARTHANA FINANCE PRIVATE LIMITED	**1. M/s. Leaders International School,** Represented by its Authorized Signatory, Gundapura Bypass Road, Gowribidanur, Near Raymond Factory, Bangalore - 561208. **2. M/s. Pinakini Education Trust,** Represented by its Authorized Signatory, Gundapura Bypass Road, Gowribidanur, Near Raymond Factory, Bangalore - 561208. **3. Mr. Shivarama Reddy,** S/o Lakshmi Narayana, #18 2 nd Cross Balaji Layout Anand Nagar, North R .T Nagar, Bangalore -560032. **4. Mrs. Asha Reddy,** W/o Shivarama Reddy, #18, 2nd Cross Balaji Layout, Hebbal North, Bangalore - 560032.,	EARC TRUST SC 467	ICICI Bank Ltd., Nariman Point; 000405154582; ICIC0000004	Rs.2,23,39.454.70/- (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Three Lakhs Thirty-Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Four and Seventy Paise Only)

Property Description	Reserve Price	EMD (Earnest Money Deposit)	Date & Time of Auction	Type of Possession
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION :All that piece and parcel of the property bearing re Sy. No.7/5 (Old Sy No. 7/4) and IHC No.3/86/87 measuring Southern Side 1 acre 21 guntas Situated at Gundapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Gowribidanur Taluk and **bounded as follows: East By :** Property of Narasimhaiah and Others, **West By :** Property of Bhajantri, **North By :** Remaining land of 1 acre 21 guntas belongs to Srinivasappa, **South By :**Property of Purchaser	**Rs.3,65,00,000/-** (Rupees Three Crore Sixty Five Lakhs Only)	**Rs.36,50,000/-** (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)	**20/11/2024 at 11.00AM**	**Physical Possession**

Important Information regarding Auction Process:

1	All Demand Drafts (DD) shall be drawn in favor of Trust name as mentioned above and payable at Mumbai.	
2	Last Date of Submission of EMD	Received 1 day prior to the date of auction
3	Place for Submission of Bids	1st Floor, Edelweiss House, off CST Road, Kalina, Mumbai-400098
4	Place of Auction (Web Site for Auction)	E-Auction **(https://auction.edelweissarc.in)**
5	Contact Person with Phone No.	**18002666540**
6	Date & Time of Inspection of the Property	As per prior appointment

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in EARC's website i.e. **https://auction.edelweissarc.in**

Place: Mumbai **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Date: 17.10.2024 **For Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (Trustee of EARC TRUST SC 467)**

Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction

MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.,

A.O. #14, SOUTH END ROAD, SHESHADRIPURAM, BANGALORE-560020

Notice of Sale under Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules -2002, framed under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002

Public-auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable Assets under The Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with the proviso of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower (s) mentioned below that the below described immovable property mortgaged/Charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the **Mahila Co-Operative Bank Ltd.,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is Where is", "As is What is", and "Whatever there is" basis,** on belong mentioned date for recovery of the dues mentioned below together with future interest and legal/other expenses due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from respective borrowers. The Reserve Price for Property, the earnest money deposit (EMD) and last date of deposit of EMD etc., are given below.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor	Amount due excluding subsequent interest as on date plus cost and expenses	Reserve Price Earnest Money deposit & Bid Multiple	Details of the A/c where EMD to be deposited	Secured Properties and boundaries	Date of E Auction and time	Last date of deposit of EMD
1.	**(1) Sri. G Kiran** S/o Puttaswamy Gowda @ Puttaswamy, **(2) Smt. K G Nagarathna** W/o G Kiran, **Both are resident at:** No.1982, 26th Cross, 9th Main Road, Near Seva Shakthi Hospital, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070., **and Guarantor(s): (1) Sri. Deepak Kumar K** S/o G Kiran, No.1982, 26th Cross, 9th Main Road, Near Seva Shakthi Hospital, BSK 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560070., **(2) Sri. Ramakrishna G** S/o Gundappa, No.31, Muddana Palya, Vishwaneedam Post, Bengaluru-560079.	**Rs. 2,12,47,490/- (Rupees Two Crore Twelve Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Ninety Only) as on 14.10.2024 and future interest and other charges from 15.10.2024.**	**Rs.4,02,50,000/- EMD Rs.40,25,000/- Bid Amount Rs. 50,000/-**	**A/c Name : Mahila Co-operative Bank Limited A/c No : 89390200000832 Bank Name : Bank of Baroda Branch : Malleswaram, Bangalore IFSC Code : BARB0VJMAWA**	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Corporation No.1982 in present PID No.56-23-1982, BDA No.1982, situated at 9th Main Road, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.56, Benagluru, Measuring East to West 50'-0" Fts and North to South 70'-0" Fts, having a total extent of 3500 square feets and bounded on the: East bY : Property No. 1981, West by : Property No. 1983, North by : Road, South by : Property No. 1941.	**26.11.2024 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**	**25.11.2024 Time: 4.00 PM**
2.	**Sri. M Ravi** S/o A Muniyappa, No.7/1, 4th Main Road, G.M.Palya, New Thippasandra, Bengaluru-560075., **and Guarantor(s) (1) Smt Rekha L** W/o M Ravi, No.7/1, 4th Main Road, G M Palya, New Thippasandra, Bengaluru-560075. **(2) Sri Manjesh Kumar L** S/o Lokanath .M, No.13/2, G-7th Street, Jogupalya, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008.	**Rs. 2,96,98,807/- (Rupees Two Crore Ninety Six Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Seven Only) as on 14.10.2024 and future interest and other charges from 15.10.2024.**	**Rs.2,65,00,000/- EMD Rs.26,50,000/- Bid Amount Rs. 50,000/-**	**A/c Name : Mahila Co-operative Bank Limited A/c No : 89390200000832 Bank Name : Bank of Baroda Branch : Malleswaram, Bangalore IFSC Code : BARB0VJMAWA**	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing present Corporation No7/1, PID No. 83-277-7/1(Old No.67 thirafter 12/3, Bengaluru East Taluk, K R Puram Hobli, Garakamantana Palya), 4th Main Road, Garakamantana Palya(G M Palya) BBMP Ward No.83, Benagluru, Measuring East to West 37'-6" fts and North to South 67'-6" fts, having a total extent of 2541.76 square feets and bounded on the: East by : Appartment of Kempanna and Karagappa, West by : Property of Papanna, North by : Road, South by : Muniyamma's House.	**30.11.2024 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**	**29.11.2024 Time: 4.00 PM**
3.	**(1) Sri Shivananda S Kalagudi** S/o Late S T Kalagudi, **(2) Smt Jayalakshmi S Kalagudi** W/o Shivananda S Kalagudi, **Both are residing at:** No.15/27, F-4, "Raksha Archade", Marenahalli, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru-40. **and Guarantor(s) (1) Smt Roopa S N** W/o Krishna, No.55, 1st Floor, Shivanandanagara, Moodalapalya, Nagarabhavi Main Road, Bengaluru-560091. **(2) Sri Shivakumar I Hunnur** S/o I C Hunnur, No.12, 3rd Floor, 5th Cross, 7th Block, Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Mudinapalya, Bengaluru-560091.	**Rs. 3,56,92,558/- (Rupees Three Crore Fifty Six Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Eight Only) as on 14.10.2024 and future interest and other charges from 15.10.2024.**	**Rs.2,89,50,000/- EMD Rs.28,95,000/- Bid Amount Rs. 50,000/-**	**A/c Name : Mahila Co-operative Bank Limited A/c No : 89390200000832 Bank Name : Bank of Baroda Branch : Malleswaram, Bangalore IFSC Code : BARB0VJMAWA**	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with building bearing present No. 1, Corporation Khata No 515, Old Khata No 2322 of Assessment No.73, Srigandada Kawal Village, Yeshwanthapura Division, Bengaluru North Taluk, Situated at, 1st Main Road, 18th Cross, Doddanna Estate Main Road, Peenya 2nd Stage, Benagluru, Measuring East to West (42' + 48')/2 fts and North to South (112' + 115')/2 fts, having a total extent of 5107.5 square feets and bounded on the: East by : Property No. 2, West by : Others Property, North by : Doddanna Estate Compound and Property of Krishnappa, South by : Doddanna Estate Main Road.	**27.11.2024 from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM**	**26.11.2024 Time: 4.00 PM**

Statutory 30 days sale notice under Rule 8(6) of the SARFAESI act, 2002 : The borrower/guarantors are hereby notified to pay the dues as mentioned above along with up to date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of Public-Auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold for recovery of above said amounts and under Section 13(7) of the SARFAESI Act amended as on date and if repayment is made as above the property not put-up for sale.

TERMS & CONDITIONS: 1. To participate in the Auction, intending bidders have to deposit 10% of the reserve price as mentioned above as refundable EMD in the form of PO/DD/ Banker's Cheque / RTGS of a Scheduled Bank favouring as shown above, before the time and dates specified above. EMD will not carry any interest. **2.** The successful bidder should pay 25% of the bid amount (inclusive of EMD) immediately on the same day by NEFT/RTGS favouring in the above mentioned A/c No, and balance 75% of the bid amount within 15 days thereafter of sale or within such extended period as agreed upon in writing by and solely at the discretion of the concerned Authorized Officer. If the successful bidder defaults in effecting payment or fails to adhere to the terms of Sale in any manner, the amount already deposited will be forfeited and he / she shall not have any claim on such forfeited amount or to the property, which shall be sold subsequently.

For more quires contact: Krishna, Ph No.9880453464.

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 15.10.2024 **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd.,**

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

AUCTION SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES UNDER RULES 8(6) & 9 OF THE SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

Notice is hereby given to public in general and in particular to borrower, mortgager and guarantors that below mentioned immovable properties mortgaged to secured creditor thepossession of which has been taken by authorized officer ofKadambaSouhardaSahakariSanghaNiyamit, will be sold on AS IS WHERE IS and AS IS WHAT IS condition by holding public auction for recovery of below mentionedamount. The details of borrowers/guarantors,secured assets, dues,reserve price, place, date and time of auction EMD are mentioned below:

NAME OF THE BORROWER /GUARANTOR/ MORTAGAGER	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY RESERVE PRICE, EMD	BALANCE OUTSTANDING	PUBLIC AUCTION DATE, TIME AND PLACE
MR M S Dilip **GUARANTORS** SMT Subbalakshmi MR SundaraVasuluNaidu M 31 SEVENTH CROSS, SECOND MAIN RANGAPPA LAYOUT, BANASHANKARI,BANGALORE	Site No: 298 admeasuring 3630 sqft, Sy No: 144 and 145/1, No: 700/474/298, Tharahunase Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Reserve price:Rs.1,08,90,000 EMD: Rs.1089000	Rs. 1,34,37,175 (Rupees. One Crore Thirty-Four Lakh Thirty- Seven Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Five Only (INTEREST FROM :31-05-2024)	25.11.2024 at 11am Place: Kadamba Souharda Sahakari sangha niyamita , # 740, 10th main, 4th block , Jaya nagar , bangalore 560011
MR M S Dilip **GUARANTORS** SMT Subbalakshmi MR SundaraVasuluNaidu M 31 SEVENTH CROSS, SECOND MAIN RANGAPPA LAYOUT, BANASHANKARI,BANGALORE	Site admeasuring 1499 sq.ft Khata No:586/96, Sy No:110/1 Mallapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, NelamangalaTaluk, Bengaluru Rural District. Reserve price: Rs.5996000 EMD: Rs.599600 Site admeasuring 1499 sq.ft Khata No:586/97, Sy No:110/1 Mallapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, NelamangalaTaluk, Bengaluru Rural District Reserve price: Rs.5996000 EMD: Rs.599600	Rs. 1,35,67,928 (Rupees. One Crore Thirty-Five Lakh Sixty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Eight Only) (INTEREST FROM: 31-05-2024)	25.11.2024 at 11am Place: Kadamba Souharda Sahakari sangha niyamita , # 740, 10th main, 4th block, Jayanagar Bangalore 560011. 25.11.2024 at 11 am Place: Kadamba Souharda Sahakari Sangha Niyamita , # 740, 10th main, 4th block, Jayanagar Bangalore 560011

7.Other termsandconditions:

1. The property will be sold in "AS IS WHERE IS" and AS IS WHAT IS condition, including encumbrances if any. There are no encumbrances to the knowledge of the Bank. For details of encumbrance, contact the undersigned before deposit of the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD).
2. The public auction will be conducted in the premises of **Kadamba Souharda Sahakari Sangha Niyamita** # 740, 10th main, 4th block Jayanagar , Bangalore 560011
3. The property will not be sold below the Reserve Price.
4. The property can beinspectedon12-11-2024between 10 am to 4pm and.
5. The intending bidders shall deposit Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) being 10 % of the Reserve Price, by way of DD/PAYORDER favoring, Kadamba Souharda Sahakari Sangha Niyamita on orbefore 23.11.2024 at 2.00pm.
6. In case Bidder is not successful EMD amount shall be returned without interest
7. Sale shall be confirmed in favor of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the securedcreditor.
8. The successful bidder should deposit 25 % of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on the sale being concluded in his / her favor and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price as stated above, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited and the property shall be put for reauction.
9. The successful bidder shall bear all statutory dues/property tax/ charges for conveyance, stamp duty and registration etc.to get the property conveyed in his favor as per applicable laws.
10. The sale is subject to confirmation by bank/sangha
11. TDS as per applicable tax laws shall be payable at the applicable on the Sale amount, which shall be payable separately by the Successful buyer.
12. Authorized Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of auction without assigning any reason thereof.

Authorised Officer
DATE : 18-10-2024
PLACE: Bangalore

Kadamba Souharda Sahakari Sangha Niyamit, Sirsi